

# ANNUAL REPORTS

—of the—

TOWN OFFICERS

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

—of the—

## TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE



For Year Ending December 31

1931



# Town Officers for 1931

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## TREASURER

Felix A. Bouvier

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## CLERK

Albert O. Boyer

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## SELECTMEN

Leon A. Caron

Joseph Lafleche, 2nd

Joseph E. Benoit

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## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

George H. Hartwell

Term Expires 1934

Hermas Lippe

Term Expires 1933

Napoleon J. Blanchard

Term Expires 1932

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## ASSESSORS

Joseph Metras

Term Expires 1934

Joseph T. Gervais

Term Expires 1933

Philias X. Casavant

Term Expires 1932

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

Joseph G. E. Page, M. D.

Term Expires 1934

Charles Simpson, M. D.

Term Expires 1933

Arthur Lavallee

Term Expires 1932

## HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Adelard Bouchard

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Hector Leclair	Term Expires 1934
Wardwell M. Edwards	Term Expires 1934
Leo Renaud	Term Expires 1933
Armand O. Degrenier	Term Expires 1933
George B. Wells	Term Expires 1932
Pierre Lafortune	Term Expires 1932

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## TRUSTEES JACOB EDWARDS

### MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For The Town

George Grant	Fred E. Corbin
Louis O. Rieutord	Henry Tetreault

For the Fund

John E. Paige

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## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Daniel T. Morrill	Term Expires 1934
Wardwell M. Edwards	Term Expires 1933
George H. Hartwell	Term Expires 1932



### CONSTABLES

Ulric Brault	Andrew Higgins	Patrick Donnelly
Alfred Lariviere	Ovila Martin	Marcus L. Dillaber
	George H. Hartwell	

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### TAX COLLECTOR

Leon J. Delage

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### PLANNING BOARD

Henry R. Dufault	Henry O. Desaulniers
Oswald Laliberte	Adelard Laporte
	Joseph L. Berthiaume

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### SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Onesiphore Lapierre	Term Expires 1934
Pierre Benoit	Term Expires 1933
Omer Perron	Term Expires 1932

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### SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS

Leo Allard	Term Expires 1933
Louis R. Metras	Term Expires 1932

## PARK COMMISSIONERS

George Silk	Term Expires 1934
Hector M. LeClair	Term Expires 1933
William C. Lunan	Term Expires 1932

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## TREE WARDEN

Albert E. L'Ecuyer

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## COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUND

Raymond H. Favreau	Allen H. Faxon
Raymond Varin	

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## APPOINTED OFFICERS

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### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Joseph E. Desrosier

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### TOWN COUNSEL

Raymond Favreau

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### TOWN ENGINEER

John G. Clarke

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Arthur E. Pierce

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CARE OF TOWN CLOCK

Marcus L. Dillaber

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GAME WARDEN

Alfred Lariviere

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POUND KEEPER

Joseph Payant

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KEEPER OF LOCKUP

Ulric Brault

Ernest J. Fierro, Assistant

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JANITOR OF TOWN BUILDING

Victor Gaumond

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CATTLE INSPECTOR

William C. VanTassell, V. S.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

John G. Clarke

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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

G. Rudolphe Lariviere

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INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Charles J. LaFrance

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

S. D. Perry, Joseph L. Berthiaume, J. J. O'Shaughnessy  
Albert O. Boyer, Clerk

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MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Albert E. L'Ecuyer

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FIRE ENGINEERS

Joseph E. Ducheneau, Chief

Henry O. Desaulnier

Louis E. Farland

George W. Laughnane

J. William Clafin

James C. Sangren, Superintendent of Fire Alarm

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FIRE WARDEN

Joseph E. Ducheneau

## DEPUTIES

Edward Bellerose	Joseph Mandeville
Ernest Lord	George W. Lavallee
Francis X. Talbot	Antonio Boniface

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## FENCE VIEWERS

I. Raymond Apte	Charles Proulx, Jr.
Albert J. McKinstry	

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## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Mederic Duhamel	Clifford McKinstry
Thomas Hughes	A. J. Harwood
Solomon Labonte	Wardwell Edwards
Joseph L. Berthiaume	George Harris
Charles J. Brodeur	Alfred Montigny
Hector Demers	George Alley
Everett M. Morse	Eugene Walker
George Simpson	Raymond McKinstry
Raymond Dartt	Gedeon Pinsonneault

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## FIELD DRIVERS

Alfred E. Lariviere	Ulric Brault	Ovila Martin
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## POLICE OFFICERS

Louis Meunier  
Miss Margaret Butler  
Louis Hetu  
Joseph Tremblay  
David Fox  
Arthur Durocher  
Alfred Marand  
Joseph Dionne  
Alfred Lafleche  
John King  
Henry Lavoie  
Draper A. Story  
I. Raymond Apte  
Herve L'Homme  
Peter Latour  
A. J. McKinstry  
Victor Gaumond  
H. W. Wilkinson  
R. H. Lindsay  
Herbert E. Michon  
Earl Craig  
Eugene Blais  
Adelbert Buchanan  
John Pelletier  
Aristide Asselin  
Thomas Earls  
Thomas McGrath  
George H. Clemence  
Onesiphore L. Lapierre  
Wilfred Girard  
Ernest McDonald  
Arcade Grenier  
Joseph Marten

Emil J. Marten  
Harvey Tavernier  
Guiseppe Ruzzolli  
Louis Bueci  
Joseph Payant  
Edward Carey  
J. H. Montigny  
Geo. W. Lavallee  
John Nichols  
Edward Grant  
Peter Graff  
Louis Dionne  
Justin Dentini  
George Duprey  
Louis R. Metras  
Irving Mitchell  
Joseph J. Tully  
William Farquhar  
Zenas Henley  
John Farquhar  
Charles F. Rielly  
George A. Alley  
Herbert F. Ryan  
Horace Rajotte  
Omer L. Metevier  
Wilbrod Asselin  
Herman Girard  
Antonio Barbierri  
Ferdinand Boucher  
Hector Peloquin  
Adelard L. Lepage  
Joseph N. Lafleche  
Chester Savary

## UNIFORMED POLICE FORCE

Ulric Brault, Chief

Pierre Cormier	Ovila Martin
Joseph Paquin	Arthur L. Murphy
Patrick Donnelly	Felix Lusignan
Joseph Morin	Alfred Lariviere
John M. Beaudry	Martin Brennan
Carl Corriveau	John Miller

Ernest J. Fierro, Substitute  
E. Stanley Knowles, Substitute  
Arthur Bouthillier, Substitute  
John Lango, Jr. Substitute

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## SOLDIERS' BURIAL OFFICERS

George W. Corey	Wm. P. Lacroix
Arthur Bouthillier	

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## PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Raoul Thibeault	Julian C. Gabree
George Alley	Gedeon Pinsonneault
Mederic Duhamel	Thomas Hughes
Eugene Walker	Wardwell M. Edwards
George E. Morse	Robert Christianson
C. Russell Morse	Irene Hughes
Adelard Laporte	Bazil J. Proulx, Jr.
Raymond McKinstry	Herbert E. Ryan
Osa Matte	Harold C. Fay
Raymond Dartt	John Dirlam
Clifford McKinstry	John J. Hogan
Alfred McKinstry	William Gibson



## ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Miss Margaret Butler

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

James F. Gable	Term Expires 1933
J. Edward Demers	Term Expires 1933
David Lenti	Term Expires 1933
Maurice Taylor	Term Expires 1933
Arthur E. Proulx	Term Expires 1933
Albert B. Wells	Term Expires 1932
John E. Paige	Term Expires 1932
David Hobson	Term Expires 1932
Julian C. Gabree	Term Expires 1932
Odilon Lavoie	Term Expires 1932
Louis J. Demers	Term Expires 1934
Elmer Schumacher	Term Expires 1934
Joseph E. O'Shaughnessy	Term Expires 1934
Myron B. Clemence	Term Expires 1934
Walter G. Buckley	Term Expires 1934

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## INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM

G. Rudolphe Lariviere

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## DOG OFFICER

Ulric Brault



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JURY LIST FOR 1931—1932

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Agard, Charles—Specmaker	269 Marcy
Andrews, George A.—Clerk	105 Elm
Anger, Alfred—Specmaker	158 Marcy
Ashworth, Henry—Specmaker	35 Central
Bachand, John Bte—Specmaker	243 Mechanic
Barnett, John—Specmaker	203 Hamilton
Beaupre, Leo—Linotype Operator	17 Lens Court
Belanger, Alpherie—Specmaker	15 Olney Ave
Belanger, Hormasdas—Specmaker	69 Fairlawn
Benoit, Gerald—Draughtsman	114 Everett
Benoit, Norbert—Accountant	74 Worcester
Benson, Arthur J.—Specmaker	27 Sayles
Bertrand, Archie—Printer	51 Goddard
Bibeau, Rudolphe—Clerk	53 Worcester
Bartholomew, A. Marcy—Clerk	191 Marcy
Bixby, George E.—Foreman	12 Franklin Ter.
Blais, Joseph—Shoemaker	18 Thomas
Blanchard, Louis L.—Theatreman	33 Orchard
Blute, Daniel—Laborer	564 Main
Boiteau, Antoine—Specmaker	71 Sayles
Boiteau, Joseph—Specmaker	36 Cohasse
Bonnette, Albert E.—Agent	86 Coombs
Boucher, Alfred—Clerk	131 Everett
Bouchard, Joseph—Laborer	214 Everett
Breault, Joseph—Specmaker	162 Charlton
Brennan, Richard T. —Specmaker	21 Oakes Ave
Brodeur, John B. Jr.—Specmaker	58 Main
Butler, Michael—Mechanic	31 River
Butterworth, Robert—Salesman	74 Coombs
Cabanna, Arthur—Clerk	131 Main
Cantara, Armand—Clerk	99 Elm
Caron, Philias S.—Clerk	87 Pine

Carpentier, William—Laborer	228 Hamilton
Carey, Thomas J.—Specmaker	602 Main
Caplette, Pierre—Carpenter	22 Goddard
Chicoine, Peter—Specmaker	24 Henry
Champagne, Amos—Clerk	22 Winter
Clemence, George H.—Foreman	Clemence Hill
Coderre, Henry F.—Clerk	49 Coombs
Collins, Micheal—Clerk	321 Main
Coutu, Leandre—Knifemaker	128 Charlton
Craig, Daniel A.—Specmaker	374 Main
Curboy, Henry M.—Laborer	127 High
Decker, Joseph F.—Specmaker	62 Central
Delage, Zoel—Specmaker	69 Worcester
Demers, Louis J.—Retired	82 Cliff
Desaulnier, Arthur—Specmaker	101 Worcester
Desrosiers, Ernest—Agent	44 Coombs
Donais, Alfred G.—Knife maker	436 Worcester
Dupaul, Leon—Specmaker	44 South
Dupaul, Roland—Specmaker	44 South
Dupuis, George E.—Clerk	90 Off Worcester
Duplissis, Alpherie—Merchant	141 Marcy
Duffy, Joseph—Specmaker	148 Hamilton
Duff, Jules—Specmaker	83 Pine
Duclos, Adelard—Specmaker	52 Main
Durocher, Arthur—Specmaker	69 Worcester
Earls, James F.—Specmaker	231 Dresser
Ethier, William—Retired	102 Mechanic
Farland, Ernest—Millhand	102 Mechanic
Fallon, Thomas F.—Retired	33 Canal
Farquhar, William—Laborer	658 Main
Fitts, George H.—Agent	41 Chapin
Flood, Henry—Specmaker	300 Hamilton
Gaumont, Edmund A.—Mechanic	156 Worcester
Garceau, Wilfred—Laborer	14 Worcester
Genereux, Louis W.—Piper	208 Main
Gervais, Joseph T.—Assessor	82 Pine

Graf, Peter—Specmaker	Golf
Gregoire, Joseph—Clerk	22 Curtis
Grenier, William—Millhand	124 Pine
Guilmette, George O.—Specmaker	9 Henry
Hefner, James E.—Specmaker	95 Elm
Hefferman, Thomas—Wire Chief	86 Hartwell
Horr, Frank—Foreman	30 Highland
Keyes, James F.—Farmer	No Woodstock Rd
King, John—Specmaker	49 Chestnut
Labelle, Louis J.—Clerk	12 Crescent
Lafleche, Edmund O.—Specmaker	156 Mechanic
Lafleche, Joseph R.—Specmaker	156 Mechanic
Lafleche, George—Specmaker	174 Charlton
Langevin, Aime—Foreman	168 Mechanic
Langevin, Archie—Specmaker	9 Henry
Lapierre, Alpherie—Carpenter	253 Marcy
Laughnane, Patrick H.—Agent	30 Pine
Lavallee, Napoleon A.—Clerk	50 School
Laverdieré, Alfred—Knifemaker	41 Green Ave
Lavoie, Adelard—Merchant	27 Union
Lataille, Frank—Specmaker	284 Mechanic
Lataille, Joseph G.—Agent	21 Marcy
Lemmelin, Lorenzo—Printer	75 Hamilton
Lepain, Napoleon—Carpenter	78 Oliver
Leboeuf, Romeo—Lens Grinder	4 Windsor Ct
Lippe, Hermas—Diemaker	214 Marcy
Loiselle, Joseph A.—Agent	69 Plimpton
Loiseau, Albert—Specmaker	284 Mechanic
Maloney, Michael F.—Specmaker	50 Elm
Mandeville, Theodore—Specmaker	73 North
Martel, Arthur P.—Clerk	87 Edwards
Matte, Eugene—Specmaker	117 Worcester
May, Patrick—Specmaker	9 Crane
McNally, Joseph—Clerk	371 Hamilton
Meunier, Louis R.—Specmaker	37 Crystal
Metras, Louis R.—Laborer	45 Fairlawn

Metras, Joseph—Retired	56 Main
Monahan, Patrick—Specmaker	95 Pine
Monnette, Moise—Clerk	70 Main
Nichols, Thomas Jr.—Specmaker	33 Fiske
Noyes, Gordon—Retired	15 Edwards
Morse, George E.—Merchant	No. Woodstock Rd
Morse, Clarence F.—Agent	No. Woodstock Rd
Olney, William R.—Reporter	41 Charlton
Pariseau, Saul—Agent	3 Lapierre Ave
Piezzetti, John E.—Millhand	92 Pine
Plimpton, Ellsworth—Clerk	215 Eastford Rd
Plouffe, George—Specmaker	136 Marcy
Prendergast, James—Agent	52 Pleasant
Proulx, Charles F.—Carpenter	81 Wall
Proulx, Anatole—Chauffeur	257 Mechanic
Proulx, Rene J.—Electrician	25 Marcy
Powers, Christopher—Merchant	50 Union
Powers, Maurice—Machinist	146 Pleasant
Poulin, Albert—Salesman	147 Pleasant
Rapeneault, Romeo—Merchant	25 River
Rice, Seaver M.—Clerk	122 Hamilton
Richard, Wilfred—Knifemaker	50 Columbus Ave
Riopel, Wilfred—Foreman	190 Mechanic
Robida, Henri—Specmaker	99 Elm
Santo, Dominic—Specmaker	138 Elm
Simpson, Alexander—Millhand	233 Dresser
Small, Harold C.—Watchmaker	64 Chestnut
Shea, William J.—Agent	19 Clarke
St. Germaine, John B.—Clerk	56 Oliver
Suprenant, Ulric—Clerk	162 Everett
Tallis, Patrick—Specmaker	18 Henry
Tavernier, Victor—Specmaker	38 Worcester
Trahan, Ovide—Clerk	20 Sayles
Trainor, Leo—Specmaker	Ashland
Tremblay, Albert—Chauffeur	281 Mechanic
Tremblay, Hormidas—Retired	13 Coombs

Traell, Delor—Specmaker	28 Hamilton
Trahan, Ovila—Carpenter	16 Clarke
Troy, Michael F.—Specmaker	115 Dresser
Varin, Raymond—Specmaker	110 Mechanic
Wilson, Irving W.—Clerk	45 Newell Ave
Wood, George S.—Clerk	107 South
Whalen, Robert A.—Clerk	69 Mill
Wright, Alpheus—Farmer	No. Woodstock Rd
Volpini, John—Specmaker	144 Elm





# REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Southbridge:

The selectmen organized with Leon A. Caron, chairman, Joseph LaFleche 2nd, clerk, and Joseph E. Benoit as the third member. Following is our report of some of the outstanding activities dealt with during the year 1931, and which we submit to you for approval.

Your selectmen were faced with a continued unemployment situation; and as the months went by conditions became more and more acute. Both because of the lack of work and of sickness, larger expenses had to be met in the Soldiers' Relief Department. There were approximately twenty-six veterans receiving aid, and as each one was comparatively young and supporting a large family, we were obliged to expend \$2,000.00 more than the previous year. We are asking for an appropriation equal to that expended this year.

Rules and regulations were made and adopted for the licensing of hawkers and pedlers operating within the town limits, to sell meat, fish, butter, cheese, fruit and vegetables.

Needed repairs were made to the Town Hall Building; still there are more to be done and so we recommend that the same amount be appropriated for this work as last year.

Many requests were received for street lights, also for change of location of lights. After consulting with the officials of the Electric Light Company, changes were made for better lighting of certain streets; and in the change, enough lights were removed so that six lights were install-

ed along Brick Yard Road. The residents of this particular locality had requested same for the last few years. All these changes were done without increasing the monthly cost of electricity.

During the summer it was reported that repairs were needed on the Central Street Bridge. Your selectmen requested the Dept. of Public Works, Boston, to send out a bridge engineer to advise us in the matter. After the engineer's visit here and receiving his report, it was decided to wait until the annual town meeting before asking for an appropriation to have this work done. The repairs must be done in the near future to protect the bridge and the public. An article has been inserted in the town warrant for this purpose.

The selectmen with other citizens petitioned the county commissioners for a road to be built from Southbride to Eastford. At the hearing held in Worcester, the county commissioners recommended that this work be done under provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws. This would mean that the town, county and state would each have to raise one third of the total amount of the cost of the construction. The selectmen petitioned the Dept. of Public Works to include this project in their budget for 1932. They assured us by letter that they would do so, but construction would have to start at the Connecticut line and work northerly toward Southbridge.

Land damages on the Dudley River Road have not all been settled, and some are in the courts pending settlement. The selectmen tried in every way to settle these claims, but were unable to see their way clear to pay the amounts asked for. Conditions as to land damages on the Southbridge-Sturbridge Road remain the same as before the special town meeting, when the selectmen asked that the town vote to pay and appropriate money to do so. This the town refuse to do; yet the town will have to pay these claims as it is a decree from the county commissioners.



Through the efforts of your state representatives and selectmen we have been assured that the Southbridge-Charlton Road would be reconstructed by the state during this year.

Complaints were received about existing conditions at both the Elm Street and Union Street playgrounds. After consulting with the school committee and the complainants, it was decided to close the Elm Street playgrounds at once, and that the Union Street playgrounds be discontinued after this year.

The selectmen recommend that the town accept certain sections of the General Laws, which state that the town may reimburse drivers of motor cars (all while employed by the town) for accidents which they cause to persons or personal property.

We also recommend that the erection and maintenance of traffic and street signs, also painting of parking zones be handled by the Police Department instead of the Engineering Department. The parking lines were not painted this past year because the appropriation of the Engineering Department was insufficient to allow for this work being done. We also recommend that a warning sign be placed near the abutment of the S. N. E. R. R. Corp. this side of the railroad crossing at Sandersdale; also that the abutments themselves be painted black and white. This location has proven to be a very dangerous one, resulting in two fatal accidents this past year.

In the following pages you will find the reports of town officers and of officers appointed by the selectmen, which will show in detail the work done by their respective departments.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON A. CARON  
JOSEPH LAFLECHE 2nd.  
JOSEPH E. BENOIT

# REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For the year ending December 31, 1931.

Cash on hand January 1, 1931	\$	20,382.00
Receipts for 1931	-----	\$1,165,087.79
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Disbursements for 1931	-----	\$1,185,469.79
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Balance, Cash on hand December 31, 1931	\$	15,858.41

## FUNDED DEBT

Due 1932	Denominated	When Made	Amount of Loan	Balance Outstanding Dec. 31, 1931
\$ 7,500.00	Vocational School Bonds	1922	\$150,000.00	\$82,500.00
\$10,000.00	Sewer Beds Extension	1925	\$ 70,000.00	\$10,000.00
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		Amount Inside Debt Limit		\$92,500.00
\$ 3,750.00	High School	1916	\$ 75,000.00	\$18,750.00
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		Amount Outside Debt Limit		\$18,750.00
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		Net Funded Debt		\$111,250.00

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\$21,250.00

\$110,000.00 Anticipation of Revenue Loan, Due April 2, 1932.  
\$ 21,800.00 Emergency Loan, Due April 2, 1932.

F. A. BOUVIER,  
Town Treasurer.

## CEMETERY FUND,

Book No.	Depository or Investment	Balance	Interest
		Dec. 31, 1931	1931
24902	Dedham Institution for Savings	\$2,000.00	\$ 75.00
91607	Fitchburg Savings Bank	1,000.00	45.00
22841	Leominster Savings Bank	1,975.00	61.32
9849	Millbury Savings Bank	1,500.00	67.50
32073	Natick Five Cents Savings Bank	1,000.00	45.00
8465	Southbridge Savings Bank	9,186.25	400.64
378	Southbridge Peoples National Bank	100.00	4.06
3592	Southbridge National Bank	2,989.68	121.37
153048	Springfield Institution for Savings	2,000.00	90.00
1498	Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	2,000.00	83.33
3791	Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	66.35
11619	Webster Five Cents Savings Bank	1,500.00	75.00
55266	Worcester Peoples Savings Bank	2,000.00	66.25
54964	Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank	2,000.00	62.50
47299	Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	2,000.00	62.50
79028	Worcester County Institution for Savings	2,595.00	123.27
45792	Athol Savings Bank	2,000.00	90.00
91964	Cambridge Savings Bank	3,000.00	110.00
170011	Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank	2,000.00	100.00
49264	Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	116.67
82904	Lynn Institution for Savings	2,000.00	100.00
30302	Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank	3,000.00	125.83
183325	New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	2,000.00	90.00
29044	Winchendon Savings Bank	2,000.00	110.00
93327	Worcester North Savings Institution	2,175.00	103.32
43927	Attleborough Savings Bank	2,000.00	95.00
	Southbridge National Bank		112.50
	Augusta Maine, Water District Bonds	8,000.00	320.00
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		\$67,020.93	\$2,922.41
Cemetery Fund, January 1, 1931		\$66,428.93	
Added to Fund in 1931		592.00	
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Cemetery Fund, December 31, 1931		\$67,020.93	

F. A. BOUVIER,  
Town Treasurer.

## MARY MYNOTT FUND

Book No.	Depository	Balance	Interest	Balance
		Jan. 1, 1931	1931	Dec. 31 1931
9529	Southbridge Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$48.06	\$1,000.00

## BOYER FUND

31084	Southbridge Savings Bank	\$254.53	\$12.20	\$266.73
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## JESSE J. ANGELL FUND

3553	Southbridge Peoples Nat. Bk.	\$1,000.00	\$40.60	\$1,000.00
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## WORLD WAR MEMORIAL FUND

36764	Southbridge Savings Bank	\$4,808.80	\$231.10	\$5,039.90
5502	Southbridge Peoples Nat. Bk.	\$4,962.31	\$201.47	\$5,163.78
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		\$9,771.11	\$432.57	\$10,203.68

## ELLA M. COLE FUND

45612	Attleborough Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$47.50	\$1,000.00
176397	Charlestown Five Ct. Sav Bk.	\$1,000.00	\$50.00	\$1,000.00
94985	Cambridge Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$47.50	\$1,000.00
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		\$3,000.00	\$145.00	\$3,000.00

## HANNAH M. EDWARDS CEMETERY FUND

The First Nat. Bk. of Boston	\$5,000.00	\$319.64	\$5,000.00
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## ROBERT J. EDWARDS LIBRARY FUND

New England Trust Co., Boston	\$50,000.00	\$2,513.91	\$50,000.00
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F. A. BOUVIER,  
Town Treasurer.

# REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

## TAXES 1927

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----		\$3,320.44
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$1,468.49	
Abatements -----	250.55	
Tax Titles -----	930.24	
Outstanding December 31, 1931 ---	671.16	
		<u>\$3,320.44</u>

## TAXES 1928

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----		\$14,147.32
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$8,278.40	
Cash on hand December 31, 1931 --	2.00	
Abatements -----	976.50	
Tax Titles -----	2,707.59	
Outstanding December 31, 1931 ---	2,182.83	
		<u>\$14,147.32</u>

## TAXES 1929

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----		\$43,049.84
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$36,906.85	
Cash on hand December 31, 1931 --	199.95	
Abatements -----	638.78	
Tax Titles -----	2,618.59	
Outstanding December 31, 1931 ---	2,685.67	
		<u>\$43,049.84</u>



### 1929 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$1,994.36
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$986.26
Cash on hand December 31, 1931 --	1.63
Abatements -----	921.83
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	84.64
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	\$1,994.36

### TAXES 1930

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$109,045.19
Overpayment -----	.49
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	\$109,045.68
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$71,340.52
Cash on hand December 31, 1931 --	130.00
Abatements -----	548.75
Tax Titles -----	2,926.52
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	34,099.89
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	\$109,045.68

### 1930 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$3,538.99
Supplementary Warrant January 29, 1931 ----	6.00
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	\$3,544.99
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$2,484.31
Abatements -----	504.48
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	556.20
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	\$3,544.99

Abatements refunded by Treasurer on 1930	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes -----	\$36.66

TAXES 1931

Commitment per Warrants -----	\$436,123.37
December Warrants -----	273.43
Gains in fractions -----	.67

\$436,397.47

Payments to Treasurer -----	\$336,047.21
Cash on hand December 31, 1931 --	2,237.45
Abatements -----	808.36
State Refund on Old Age Assistance	
Tax -----	214.00
Tax Titles -----	2,926.52
Outstanding December 31, 1931 ---	94,163.93

\$436,397.47

1931 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Commitment per Warrant of May 18, -----	\$17,929.17
Commitment per Warrant of July 20, -----	2,569.86
Commitment per Warrant of September 28, --	1,356.96
Commitment per Warrant of December 2, ----	779.48
Commitment per Warrant of December 31, --	88.04

Total Warrants -----	\$22,723.51
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$19,942.86
Cash on hand December 31, 1931 --	6.00
Abatements -----	772.57
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	2,002.08

\$22,723.51

Abatements refunded by Treasurer on 1931

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes -----	\$352.67
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UNAPPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT 1927

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$182.00
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	\$182.00

\$182.00

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UNAPPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT  
INTEREST 1927

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$9.78
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	\$9.78
	<u>\$9.78</u>

APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENT 1928

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$63.32
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$63.32
	<u>\$63.32</u>

APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENT  
INTEREST 1928

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$26.33
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$26.33
	<u>\$26.33</u>

Additional Interest paid on 1928 Apportion- ed Sewers -----	\$9.29
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APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENT 1929

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$461.96
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$442.05
Outstanding December 31, 1931 ---	19.91
	<u>\$461.96</u>

APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENT  
INTEREST 1929

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$130.99
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$99.64
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	31.35
	<u>\$130.99</u>

Additional interest paid on 1929 apportion- ed Sewers -----	\$42.37
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APPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT 1929

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$233.00
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$233.00
	<u>\$233.00</u>

APPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT

INTEREST 1929

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$29.89
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$29.89
	<u>\$29.89</u>

Additional Interest paid on 1929 Apportion- ed Sidewalks -----	\$15.03
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APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENT 1930

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$725.33
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$313.68
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	411.65
	<u>\$725.33</u>

APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENT

INTEREST 1930

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$164.42
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$53.07
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	111.35
	<u>\$164.42</u>

Additional Interest paid on 1930 Apportion- ed Sewers -----	\$14.27
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APPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT 1930

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$374.26
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$207.42
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	166.84
	<u>\$374.26</u>

APPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT  
INTEREST 1930

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$32.44
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$17.13
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	15.31
	<u>          </u>
	\$32.44

Additional Interest paid on 1930 Apportion- ed Sidewalks -----	\$11.59
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UNAPPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT

Warrant of December 8, 1930

Outstanding January 1, 1931 -----	\$1,231.56
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$518.17
Balance to be added to taxes -----	713.39
	<u>          </u>
	\$1,231.56

Interest paid on Unapportioned Sidewalks of December 8, 1930 -----	\$1.41
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APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENT 1931

Commitment per Warrant -----	\$835.56
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$260.48
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	575.08
	<u>          </u>
	\$835.56

APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENT  
INTEREST 1931

Commitment per Warrant -----	\$133.96
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$30.44
Outstanding December 31, 1931 ---	103.52
	<u>          </u>
	\$133.96

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APPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT 1931

Commitment per Warrant -----		\$295.25
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$21.07	
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	274.18	
		<u>\$295.25</u>

APPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT  
INTEREST 1931

Commitment per Warrant -----		\$36.34
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$2.53	
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	33.81	
		<u>\$36.34</u>

UNAPPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT 1931

Commitment per Warrant -----		\$452.97
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$82.36	
Outstanding December 31, 1931 ---	370.61	
		<u>\$452.97</u>

UNAPPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT  
INTEREST 1931

Commitment per Warrant -----		\$21.27
Payments to Treasurer -----	.09	
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	21.18	
		<u>\$21.27</u>

UNAPPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT  
WARRANT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1931

Commitment per Warrant -----		\$359.42
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$73.32	
Outstanding December 31, 1931 --	286.10	
		<u>\$359.42</u>

### INTEREST TAXES

Levy of 1927 -----	\$337.30
Levy of 1928 -----	1,079.95
Levy of 1929 -----	3,237.05
Levy of 1929 (Cash on hand December 31, 1931) -----	45.87
Levy of 1929 (Excise) -----	102.83
Levy of 1930 -----	2,369.86
Levy of 1930 (Excise) -----	69.47
Levy of 1931 -----	87.48
Levy of 1931 (Cash on hand December 31, 1931) -----	59.42
Levy of 1931 (Excise) -----	22.34

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Total Interest on taxes ----- \$7,411.57

I desire at this time to thank the citizens and Town  
Officials for their co-operation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted

LEON J. DELAGE,

Collector

# REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Voters of  
Southbridge, Mass.

I herewith submit the annual report of the Clerk of the Town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1931.

## RECEIPTS

### Licenses and permits

Bowling Alleys -----	\$45.00
Pool Tables -----	67.00
Junk Licenses -----	45.00
Third Class Liquor -----	4.00
Auctioneer's -----	12.00
Gas Permits -----	16.00

Paid to Town Treasurer -----	\$189.00
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## MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES

### Hunt, Fish and Trap:

Resident Citizen Sporting -----	807
Resident Citizen Trapping -----	1
Non-Resident Citizen Sporting -----	1
Non-Resident Citizen Sporting (To residents of States Conferring similar privileges to residents of Massachu- setts) -----	12
Alien Sporting -----	2
Minor Sporting to fish only -----	5
Duplicate licenses -----	16

Amount forwarded to Division of Fisheries & Games -----	\$2,063.20
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### DOG LICENSES

Number returned by Assessors:

Male -----	324
Female -----	49

Number Licensed:

	473
Male -----	563
Female -----	90
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Breeder's License -----	1
Number transferred -----	5

Amount forwarded to County Treasurer ----	\$1,505.00
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### Vital Statistics

Marriage Intentions Recorded -----	105
Marriages Recorded and Indexed -----	109
Births Recorded and Indexed -----	279
Deaths Recorded and Indexed -----	178

As you will notice by comparison of these statistics to those of 1930, there were 18 less marriages, 5 more births and 28 more deaths in 1931. There were also more Sporting licenses and Dog licenses issued in 1931 than in 1930.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALBERT O. BOYER

Town Clerk.



# REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1931.

Appropriations voted for Town purposes	\$527,204.28
State Tax	16,350.00
State Parks and Reservations Tax	268.56
Auditing Municipal Accounts Tax	680.79
Special State Tax (Old Age Assistance)	4,276.00
County Tax	26,160.00
County Hospital Tax	2,235.90
Overlay (of current year)	3,584.34

Total Appropriations	\$580,759.87
Estimated revenue for the year 1931	\$144,636.50

Total amount to be raised by taxes for the year 1931	\$436,123.37
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Valuation Real Estate	
April 1, 1931	\$9,378,375.00
Tax on Real Estate	\$331,994.47

Valuation Personal	
April 1, 1931	\$2,587,370.00
Tax on Personal	\$91,592.90

Polls 4130 at \$2.00	\$8,260.00
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Old Age Assistance Tax 4276 at \$1.00	\$4,276.00
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Total assessed Valuation	
April 1, 1931	\$11,965,745.00
Total Taxes assessed April 1, 1931	\$436,123.37

Sewer Assessments, Apportionments and Interest added to Taxes of 1931	\$969.52
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Sidewalk Apportionments and Interest added to Taxes of 1931	\$805.83
Gains in fractions (acct. of Tax Rate)	.67
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Total Warrants to Collector August 20, 1931	\$437,899.39
Additional Assessments	
September 28, 1931	
Polls 39 at \$2.00	\$78.00
Warrant to Collector September 28, 1931	\$78.00
Old Age Assistance Tax 39 at \$1.00	\$39.00
Warrant to Collector September 28, 1931	\$39.00
December 19, 1931	•
Polls 4 at \$2.00	\$8.00
Warrant to Collector December 19, 1931	\$8.00
December 19, 1931	
Old Age Assistance Tax 4 at \$1.00	\$4.00
Warrant to Collector December 19, 1931	\$4.00
December 19, 1931	
Added to Valuation	\$4,080.00
Warrant to Collector December 19, 1931	\$144.43
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Total Warrants to Tax Collector on Polls, Old Age Assistance Tax, Personal and Real Estate for 1931	\$438,172.82
Total Assessed Valuation on Personal and Real Estate for 1931	\$11,969,825.00
Valuation of Motor Vehicles for the year 1931	\$962,670.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles for year 1931	\$22,741.44
Warrants to Collector for 1931	\$22,741.44
Total Assessed Valuation for 1931	\$12,932,495.00
Total Warrants to Collector for 1931	\$460,914.26



Rate of Local Tax per thousand	\$35.40
Rate of Motor Excise Tax per thousand	\$29.25

#### VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Churches, Schools and Hospital	\$1,058,100.00
U. S. P. O. Property	98,000.00
Town Property	1,001,100.00
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Total of Exempted Property	\$2,157,200.00
Number of persons, Partnerships and Corporations assessed on Property	1953
Number of Motor Vehicles assessed	3063

JOSEPH T. GERVAIS,

PHILIAS F. X. CASAVANT,

JOSEPH METRAS,

Board of Assessors.

# REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEERS

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The Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Sirs:

We submit our recommendations in regard to construction work that might well be undertaken in 1932.

## SEWERS

Two small extensions are needed at the present time. (1) Pleasant St. from Robert St. to Hillcrest Ave. (2) West St. and South St. to low land lying west of Litchfield Ave.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners has no funds for this work, therefore an appropriation would be necessary.

## STREETS

In our opinion there are but two places in which new heavy pavement is called for in the near future, Main and Mechanic Sts. from Everett St. to the wood block pavement in front of the American Optical Co. and Central and Worcester Sts. from the end of the pavement on Central St. to the junction of Mechanic and Worcester Sts. Both of these pieces should be first class pavements. They are principal entrances to the Town, and compared with our other streets, carry heavy traffic. These would be expensive jobs and we recommend for this year merely work on establishing relocations which would be advisable for their improvement.

On other streets we believe the policy should be to drain and resurface, especially at street intersections. We

have in mind more extensive work than could be expected from the Highway Department under its appropriation for ordinary repairs. The expense of this work would return to the tax-payers through their car repair bills.

We recommend a blanket appropriation for this work on portions of the following streets Crystal, Morris, Chestnut, Main, High, Sayles, Ash, and Dresser Sts.

This draining and resurfacing work and the sewer work mentioned above are well adapted for furnishing employment in co-operation with the Welfare Board.

### BOUNDS

A good part of the work of this Dept. consists of giving street lines, both for private citizens contemplating improvements and in connection with relocations. A great deal of expense and uncertainty results from the lack of proper street bounds. We have included in our budget an item to cover the cost of setting a small number of bounds which we would set as the opportunity offered.

We wish to acknowledge our debt to the Cole Trade School for blue-printing and for other services given during the year.

Respectfully yours,

J. G. CLARKE

Town Engineer.

# REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Sirs,

Following is a statement of the building permits issued between Feb. 1, 1931 and Feb. 1932.

Permits for single family houses	9	
Permits for two family houses	4	
Estimated cost of above		\$118,000.00
Permits for one car garages	13	
Permits for two car garages	8	
Permits for three or more car garages	6	
Estimated cost of above garages		\$13,495.00
Permits for business buildings	10	
Estimated cost of business bldgs.		13,570.00
Permits issued for alterations	14	
Estimated cost of above alterations		13,075.00
Total Permits Issued	64	
Total estimated cost		\$158,140.00

The expense of this department has been borne by the Engineering Department and we have included in the Engineering Dept, budget an item for new application forms. The forms now in use are out of date in their provisions concerning garages and can be altered to be more useful to this department and to the Fire Marshall.

Both owners and contractors have shown great willingness to co-operate with this department in having the building by-laws complied with.

Respectfully

J. G. CLARKE

Inspector of Buildings.

# REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

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Southbridge, Mass., 1931

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the law and custom we submit the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1931. Giving the names of members of the fire department, values of properties under our supervision, number of fires we responded to, value of properties where loss occurred, dates and locations of fires, also recommendations we deem necessary for the ensuing year.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$2.05.

We recommend appropriation of \$36,986.00 This includes \$13,845.00 for hydrant service.

We responded to 197 still alarms, and 18 bell alarms, total 215 alarms.

The detailed report and budget follows:

Value of buildings .....	\$411,950.00
Loss on buildings .....	16,376.51
Insurance on buildings .....	346,375.00
Insurance paid on buildings .....	15,176.51
Value of contents .....	202,810.00
Loss on contents .....	8,675.07
Insurance on contents .....	152,460.00
Insurance paid on contents .....	7,534.55

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## INVENTORY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Two fire stations .....	\$75,000.00
Fire apparatus .....	29,000.00



Fire department supplies -----	10,071.00
Gamewell fire alarm system -----	7,900.00

We had a special appropriation for painting and repairing roof on No. 2 fire station. \$635.00

Balance from special appropriation was \$183.95.

We also had a special appropriation for new tires and wheels on pumping engine. \$490.00.

## INVENTORY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Two fire stations -----	\$75,000.00
Fire apparatus -----	29,000.00
Fire department supplies -----	10,071.00
Gamewell fire alarm system -----	7,900.00

## ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPT.

### CHIEF

Joseph E. Ducheneau

### ASSISTANT CHIEFS

George W. Laughnane	Henry O. Desaulniers
Willard J. Claffin	Louis E. Farland

### PERMANENT MEN

Henry Lavoie, Capt.	George M. Lamothe
George W. Lavallee,	Dan Daniels
Capt. Hose No. 2	Napoleon Donais
Oswald Meunier, Lieut.	Emile Caouette

### CALLMEN HOSE NO. 1

Isadore Ducheneau, Capt.	Henry Desourdy
Michael Maloney, Lieut.	Archie Langevin
Joseph Ford	William Christianson
Paul Fontaine	Stewart Casavant, Clerk
Hormidas Belanger	Dominic Santo
Victor Tavernier	Hermas Lippe
Zenon Lamothe	Lionel Peloquin



### CALLMEN HOOK & LADDER

Leander Coutu, Capt.	George Jolly
Philias Dufault, Lieut.	Eugene Blais
Ovide Desrosier, Clerk	Isadore Lafleche
Felix Lavallee	Arthur Durocher
Ozear Gendron	Ovila Donais

### CALLMEN HOSE NO. 2

Telesphore Leduc, Lieut.	Isadore L'Heureux
Walter Connors	Theodore Benoit
John Curran	Renee Farland
Albert Tremblay	Aime Labarge
Wilfred Lavallee	

### SUPT. OF FIRE ALARM

James C. Sangren

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- January 4—Still alarm at 4:00 P. M. Dwelling at 45 Crystal street. Owned by Marie Louise Donais. Hot water heater. Insured.
- January 17—Still alarm at 5:54 P. M. Stores and tenements at 17 Central street. Owned by Walter Gay. Overheated oven. Insured.
- January 29—Still alarm at 11:05 A. M. Tenements at 99 Cross street. Owned by Adolphe Proulx. Spark from damper of pipe. Insured.
- February 2—Box 42 at 2:14 P. M. Dwelling at cross road from Sandersdale to Woodstock road. Owned by Joseph Maska. Spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- February 7—Box 26 at 10:10 P. M. Tenements at 16 Pine street. Owned by T. F. Burke. Chimney fire. No damage.
- February 12—Box 27 at 7:55 A. M. Tenements at 113 High street. Owned by Vanzo Soti. Spontaneous combustion. Insured.

- February 12—Box 46 at 9:50 A. M. Tenements at 115 North street. Owned by Albert Bonnette. Spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- March 4—Still alarm at 12:20 A. M. Tenements at 269 Mechanic street. Owned by Omer Paquin. Hot ashes against house. Insured.
- March 10—Still alarm at 9:36 P. M. Dwelling at 98 Chestnut street. Owned by H. Wilson. Overheated iron. Insured.
- March 26—Still alarm at 12:25 P. M. Dwelling at Lebanon Hill. Owned by Joseph Goddu. Overheated chimney. Insured.
- April 1—Still alarm at 1:10 P. M. Tenements at 50 Fairlawn ave. Owned by William Larochelle. Overheated chimney. Insured.
- April 4—Still alarm at 5:50 A. M. Dwelling at Dennison Dist. Owend by George Curboy. Unknown. Insured.
- April 5—Still alarm at 7:30 P. M. Stores, Offices and Club rooms, at 321 Main street. Owned by R. Robbins. Cigarette. Insured.
- April 8—Box 64 at 4:55 A. M. Dwelling at Hillcrest ave. Owned by Hector Livernois. Short circuit in automobile. Insured.
- April 27—Still alarm at 12:20 A. M. Tenements at 579 Main street. Owned by Mrs. M. Houde. Cigarette. Insured.
- May 11—Box 38 at 2:55 P. M. Tenements at 16 Williams street. Owned by James K. Egan. Children playing with matches. Insured.
- May 25—Still alarm at 11:25 A. M. Dwelling at 191 Hamilton street. Owned by James K. Egan. Overheated chimney. Insured.
- July 4—Still alarm at 1:40 A. M. Dwelling at 131 Everett street. Owend by Fred Boucher. Radio. Insured.

- July 4—Still alarm at 9:30 P. M. Barn at 243 Morris street. Owned by Charles Maramo. Spontaneous combustion in hay. Insured.
- July 28—Box 32 at 2:50 P. M. Tenements at 142 Hamilton street. Owned by Roderick Martel. Spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- August 19—Still alarm at 11:30 A. M. Dwelling at 40 Marcy street. Owned by Frank Sansoucy. Short circuit. Insured.
- August 23—Still alarm at 5:15 A. M. Tenements at 66 East Main street. Owned by Southern N. E. R. R. Smoking in bed. Insured.
- August 23—Box 42 at 6.08 A. M. Dwelling at Woodstock road. Owned by Frank Sugda. Spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- October 3—Box 45 at 9:30 A. M. Tenements at 209 Mechanic street. Owned by Ralph Robbins. Defective wiring. Insured.
- October 23—Still alarm at 11:35 A. M. Garage and barn at 2 Green street. Owned by Tony Dipoolo. Spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- November 17—Still Alarm at 2:30 A. M. Tenements at 50 Elm street. Owned by Herbert Wells. Hot ashes. Insured.
- November 17—Still alarm at 9:00 A. M. Stores and offices at 267 Main street. Owned by Y. M. C. A. Cigarette. Insured.
- November 17—Box 34 at 9:25 P. M. Store at 31 Central street. Owned by Kollios & H. Zesser. Defective oil burner. Insured.
- November 28—Still alarm at 9:07 A. M. Dwelling at 11 Taft street. Owned by Marcy Bartholomew. Spark from chimney on awning. Insured.
- November 28—Still alarm at 10:20 P. M. Tenements at 141 Charlton street. Owned by Julius Laroche. Overheated chimney. Insured.

December 7—Still alarm at 12:50 P. M. Tenements at 79 Fairlawn ave. Owned by Joseph Belanger. Overheated chimney. Insured.

December 7—Still alarm at 4:00 P. M. Tenements at 16 Thomas street. Owned by Antony Comito. Overheated chimney. Insured.

December 9—Box 45 at 9:36 P. M. Tenements at 108 Charlton street. Owned by Albina Duteau. Spontaneous combustion. Insured.

December 15—Still alarm at 4:53 P. M. Store and office at 276 Main street. Owned by Wilfred Lamoureux. Hot ashes in basket. Insured.

December 19—Box 25 at 1:25 A. M. Tenements at 31 Cross street. Owned by Adelard Laporte. Defective wiring. Insured.

December 27—Box 47 at 6:00 P. M. Tenements at 131 Worcester street. Owned by Tortunato Tucci. Overheated chimney. Insured.

December 27—Still alarm at 1:58 P. M. Dwelling at Breakneck road. Owned by Abraham Peloquin. Overheated chimney. Insured.

In closing our report for the year, the board of fire engineers wish to thank the citizens for their co-operation, and the members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion the Board of Fire Engineers on behalf of the members of the fire department wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other town officials for their courtesy and consideration of the department.

JOSEPH E. DUCHENEAU, Chief  
GEORGE W. LAUGHNANE, Clerk  
WILLARD J. CLAFLIN  
HENRY DESAULNIERS  
LOUIS E. FARLAND

For the Board of Fire Engineers,

OSWALD MEUNIER, Assistant Clerk



## REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER

Permits to keep, store, and sell explosives, and maintain garages.

### PERMITS

Fireworks -----	15
High Explosives -----	7
Maintain Garages -----	152
Oil Burners -----	7
Open Air Permits -----	11
To Remove Empty Gasoline Tanks -----	6

### INSPECTIONS

Hotels and Boarding Houses -----	17
Tenement Houses -----	640
Garages -----	152

# REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

There was 10 forest fires.

In my report for this year compare with last year, it will be seen that the cost of extinguishing forest fires, has been less than the previous year.

## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The forest fire department wishes to remind the townspeople that it will do all that it can to suppress forest fires.

Last year appropriation was \$700.00.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$256.95.

I recommend an appropriation of \$700.00.

We had a special appropriation for a forest fire pump fully equipped with three thousand feet of hose \$1,625.00.

We had a special appropriation for a one and one half ton Ford truck \$754.00.

There were 11 permits issued for fires in the open. I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their co-operation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

## INVENTORY OF THE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

One Ton And One Half Ford Truck -----	\$754.00
One Chevrolet Truck -----	125.00
One Ford Truck -----	250.00
One Ford Truck -----	10.00
Forty Six 2½ Gallon Fire Extinguishers -----	322.00
Nine Five Gallon Cans -----	18.00
Six Four Gallon Cans -----	9.00



Six Ten Gallon Pumps -----	60.00
Two Five Gallon Pumps -----	20.00
Twenty Ten Quart Pails -----	5.00
Twenty Brooms -----	15.00
Nine Hoes -----	4.50
Two Spare Tires -----	15.00

JOSEPH E. DUCHENEAU  
Forest Fire Warden

### REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$300.00 made for this department.

For the coming year, I recommend an appropriation of \$300.00.

The balance from last year appropriation was \$75.53.

During the past year the Ambulance made the following trips.

Worcester -----	71
Boston -----	1
Rutland -----	1
Shrewsbury -----	1
Holland -----	1
Quinebaug -----	1
Dudley -----	1
Sturbridge -----	7
Fiskdale -----	3
Charlton -----	3
Southbridge -----	39

### INVENTORY OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

One Cuning Ambulance -----	\$3,000.00
Two Spare Tires -----	40.00
Seven Blankets -----	32.00

Three Pillows -----	3.00
Six Sheets -----	5.00
Ten Pillow Cases -----	5.00
Eight Towels -----	.80

JOSEPH E. DUCHENEAU  
Chief of the Fire Department

# REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen :

I submit herewith for your consideration my report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1931. The organization of the police department at the close of the fiscal year was as follows :

## CHIEF

Ulric Brault

## PATROLMEN

Pierre A. Cormier

Patrick Donnelly

Joseph Paquin

Ovila Martin

Joseph Morin

Arthur Murphy

Felix W. Lusignan

Alfred E. Lariviere

Moise J. Beaudry

Carl Corriveau

Martin Brennan

John Miller

Ernest J. Fierro, Sub.

Stanley E. Knowles, Sub.

## JANITOR AND ASSISTANT LOCKUP KEEPER

Ernest J. Fierro

Duties performed by the police department during the year expiring December 31, 1931. Total arrests, 453, males 422, females 31, minors 102, residents 338, non-residents 115.

## OFFENSES

Drunkenness .....	149
Violation of Auto laws .....	63
Disturbing the peace .....	18
Violation of Town by laws .....	6
Non-support .....	28
Assault and battery .....	14
Larceny .....	56
Taking Motor Vehicle without au- thority .....	8
Held for outside police .....	6
Breaking and entering .....	10
Begetting .....	7
Neglecting children .....	1
Vagrant .....	8
Viol. Fish and Games laws .....	2
Insane .....	9
Violation of probation .....	2
Arrested on Capias .....	3
Attempt larceny .....	1
Gaming .....	3
Peddling without a license .....	1
Violation of liquor laws .....	5
Runaway children .....	4
Ringing false fire alarm .....	1
Common Drunkards .....	1
Failing to send children to school .....	1
Held as a material witness .....	1
Destroying properties .....	1
Assault .....	3
Stubborn children .....	2
Trespassing .....	18
Fornication .....	2
Accosting .....	1
Violation order of the court .....	2
Neglected children .....	11

Lewd and lascivious person -----	1
Having stolen goods in possession ----	8
Violation of food laws -----	2
Adultery -----	2
Using profane language -----	1

### DISPOSITION OF CASES

Fined -----	63
Filed -----	84
Suspended sentences -----	87
Committed to House of Correction ----	28
Released -----	49
Continued for outside court -----	20
Worcester State Hospital -----	7
Discharged -----	38
Probation -----	37
Committed to Monson State Hospital --	1
Committed to Shirley School -----	2
Committed to Sherborn Reformatory --	3
Taken to Home of Good Sheppard ----	2
Committed to State Dept. Public Wel-	
fare -----	7
Committed to Lyman School -----	5
Defaulted -----	1
Committed to State Farm at Bridgewater	1
Cases continued and disposed -----	37

### OCCUPATIONS

Laborers -----	165
No-position -----	88
Farmers -----	25
Mechanic -----	11
Optical workers -----	12
Knife makers -----	4
<b>Merchants</b> -----	7
Soldier -----	1
Salesmen -----	10
Mill-hands -----	13

Chauffeurs -----	15
Painters -----	12
Cook -----	1
Clerks -----	7
Plumbers -----	2
Peddlers -----	6
Chemist -----	1
Chemist -----	1
Tinsmith -----	1
Bakers -----	2
Mason -----	1
At School -----	37
House-wife -----	20
Printer -----	1
Cobbler -----	1
At home -----	3
Laundry workers -----	1
Linesmen -----	3
Carpenters -----	3
Bellhop -----	2
Engraver -----	1
Dentist -----	1
Jeweler -----	1
Roofers -----	3
Attorney -----	1
Barbers -----	1
Contractor -----	1

### MISCELLANEOUS

Number of motor vehicle licenses	
suspended -----	64
Goods stolen and recovered -----	\$5123.50
Goods stolen not recovered -----	413.00
Motor vehicles stolen and recovered ----	14
Doors found unlocked by police officers -	35
Accidents investigated -----	66



In conclusion it is with pleasure that I extend in behalf of the police department and myself to the Honorable Board of Selectmen and other town officials, our most sincere thanks for their kindly consideration during the past year, and trust that the accomplishment of the department have been such as to repay them for their interests.

Respectfully submitted,

ULRIC BRAULT

Chief of Police.

Southbridge, Mass. December 31, 1931.

# REPORT OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

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To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge, Mass.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners hereby submit their yearly report for the year 1931.

The Filtration plant in Sandersdale is working properly and satisfactory to the State board of Public health.

A Sanitary sewer was built on Highland, Poplar and Glover St. a stretch of 832 Ft.

We recommend for the year 1932 the Sum of \$3,500.00 for the maintenance of the sewer Dept.

Very truly yours,

PIERRE BENOIT

O. L. LAPIERRE

Board of Sewer Commissioners

# REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

The Board of Health, Dr. Charles Simpson, Arthur Lavallee and Dr. Joseph G. E. Page met and organized as follows, Dr. Charles Simpson Chairman, Arthur Lavallee Clerk.

Meetings were held monthly on the last Tuesday of the month.

Health conditions have been very good this year, as the itemized reports of the different departments will show; The Board was very much gratified by the fact that there was not one case of Diphtheria during the year. We feel that the work we have done for the last three years, with the toxin antitoxin preventive treatment has been well paid for.

We have however to report a considerable number of cases of Scarlet Fever, this is an acute, specific infectious and highly contagious disease, characterized by high fever, sore throat, a diffuse punctate erythenatous rash and marked tendency to nephritis and suppurative oitis media or abscess of the middle ear.

Statistics show that in hospitals persons who do not touch patients or come within range of droplets from the nose or mouth very rarely acquire the disease.

While no age is exempt, a large majority of cases occur in children between the ages of 1 to 15 years, therefore when any child develops a rash of any kind, a doctor

should be called at once, and if the house is quarantined people should be careful not to expose themselves as noted above, or an epidemic may be the result.

We feel that several cases were not reported and naturally exposed a great many children to the contagion. The public at large must understand that every case of contagious must be reported by somebody, if no Doctor is called, the family must report it, failure to do so is punishable by law.

Miss Marguerite C. Houle, the Public Health nurse was voted a leave of absence of four months to pursue a study in the Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio, the Board was very fortunate in securing Miss Nadia I. Gattineau as a substitute.

On April 28, 1931 the Board passed and adopted the following regulation.

Regulation 2A. "No person, firm or corporation shall, in the Town of Southbridge, Mass., sell, exchange, deliver or have in his custody or possession with intent so to do, milk or cream from any cow unless said cow has within a period of six months passed without reaction a tuberculin test as established under the laws of Massachusetts tested under the plan as adopted by the United States Bureau of Animal Industry.

This regulation shall not apply to pasteurized milk or milk intended for pasteurization.

This regulation shall take effect January, 1932."

The inforcement of this regulation could not be put into effect on the above date, for the reason that the State Department of Animal Industry, could not make the necessary inspections and tests, but we have been assured that it will be done in the near future, providing the Legislature passes the order for necessary funds.

In a spirit of co-operation with a State Wide movement to eradicate tuberculosis in cows, and prevent bovine tuber-

culosis in children, the Board of Health took upon itself to call a meeting of all the farmers interested in the distribution of milk in Southbridge. The meeting did much, we hope, in promoting a better understanding of the situation.

Cases of tuberculosis seem to have shown a slight decline during the year. We have kept a sharp watch on contacts, the clinic held every Monday has as usual been very poorly attended.

We wish its importance could be better understood by the public.

A detailed account of the different activities follows and will give you a better understanding of the work done.

CHARLES SIMPSON, M. D.

ARTHUR LAVALLEE.

JOSEPH G. PAGE, M. D.

Board of Health

## REPORT OF THE AGENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as your Agent for the past year.

Conditions have been rather quiet and no bad infractions of the health laws have been made, minor complaints have been received from time to time but all have been satisfactorily adjusted after consultation with the parties interested.

The following cases of contagious diseases have been reported during the year.

Chickenpox -----	1
Lobar Pneumonia -----	17
Scarlet Fever -----	56
Pulmonary Tuberculosis -----	3
Whooping Cough -----	3
Dog Bite -----	3
Measles -----	15
Mumps -----	3
Tuberculosis other forms -----	2
Total -----	103

These cases have been placed under quarantine and have been visited by the nurse and myself and the diseases controlled as far as possible.

Following are the deaths that have occurred within the town and for which burial permits have been issued.

Accidental -----	3
Angina Pectoris -----	5
Absesses -----	2
Cerebral Hemorrhage -----	12
Convulsions -----	1



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Endocarditis -----	2
Heart -----	10
Myocarditis -----	10
Mitral Regurgation -----	2
Meningitis -----	1
Pneumonia Lobar -----	11
Pneumonia Broncho -----	4
Suicide -----	1
Tuberculosis Pul. -----	3
Whooping Cough -----	1
Arterio Sclerosis -----	9
Arterio Stenosis -----	3
Bronchitis -----	1
Cancer -----	25
Diabetis -----	3
Enterites -----	1
Epilepsy -----	1
Gastric Ulcers -----	1
Hopkins Disease -----	1
Nephritis -----	3
Spina Befida -----	1
Still-born -----	9
Premature birth -----	4
Sudden deaths, Medical Examiner -----	19
Total -----	149

At this time I wish to thank the public as well as the Board of Health for their fine co-operation.

Very respectfully

ALBERT R. BROWN.

Agent.

## REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

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To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

Herewith is my report as your Inspector of Milk for the year ending December 31, 1931.

During the year I have issued the following licenses.

Peddlers Licenses ----- 50

Store Licenses ----- 58

Oleomargarine Permits issued ----- 13

I have paid over to the Town Treasurer as per Town Accountants report the sum of \$60.50 for said licenses.

I wish at this time to thank the Board of Health and the Milk producers for the co-operation in this work.

Respectfully submitted

ALBERT R. BROWN

Inspector of Milk.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

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To the Board of Health

Gentlemen :

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Slaughtering for the year ending December 31, 1931.

Number of Carcasses of Beef Inspected	----	38
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Number of Carcasses of Lamb Inspected	----	7
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Number of Carcasses of Veal Inspected	----	221
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Number of Carcasses of Swine Inspected	---	199
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465

One Beef Carcass was condemned for tuberculosis.

Respectfully yours,

ARMAND W. GENDREAU

Inspector of Slaughtering

## REPORT OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

We hereby submit our report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1931.

Total number of children examined 1172.

Defects are listed below.

Defective Teeth -----	622
Throat defects -----	173
Eye defects -----	2
Underweight -----	412
Defect in Nose -----	174
Defect in Heart -----	13
Defect in Spine -----	1

We would ask that as fast as possible all parents have these defects corrected, as the health of the child as well as its progress in its studies depends largely on these corrections.

At this time we wish to thank the Pastors of the several Churches and the public as well as the Board of Health for their co-operation.

Very respectfully

CHARLES SIMPSON, M. D.

JOSEPH G. E. PAGE, M. D.

Inspectors.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen :

I hereby submit my report as your Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1931.

The following fixtures have been installed during the year which have been subject to my inspection and with the plumbing work thereto have been aproved.

Water Closets -----	107
Lavatories (Bowls) -----	106
Laundry Sinks -----	113
Floor Drains -----	9
Drinking Fountains -----	3
Sinks -----	97
Baths -----	85
Urinals -----	2
Slop Sinks -----	5
Bed Pan Sinks -----	4
Sterilizers -----	14
Dish Washer -----	1
Steam Tables -----	2
Autopsy Tables -----	1

These have been installed in the following classes of buildings.

Hospitals -----	1
2 Tenement Houses -----	8
5 Tenement Houses -----	1
Factories -----	3
Residences -----	22
3 Tenement Houses -----	1
9 Tenement Houses -----	1

Stores ----- 2

Additional fixtures in old houses ----- 20

I have inspected and approved water tests on 55 different jobs, many of these had more than one inspection on the same building so as to aid the construction.

Respectfully submitted,

**ALBERT R. BROWN**

Inspector of Plumbing.



## REPORT OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Honorable Board of Health:

I hereby submit my annual report as Board of Health Nurse, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1931.

This year's program has been carried on as the previous year, to help maintain a standard of good health in the community.

Nearly all reported cases of Tuberculosis are at home, doing a little regular work and following some treatment. A few of these have been discharged from sanatoria as quiescent, and usually get along remarkably well, if their surroundings are hygienic. It is difficult to convince suspicious and contact cases, that the early and frequent physical examination, will prevent a positive diagnosis later. Patients are urged to attend chest clinics, as it is definitely known that X-Ray is the only way to determine tuberculosis in the incipient stage.

The tuberculosis dispensary in the Town Hall was opened every Monday from 4 to 6 P. M.

Number of visits to active cases -----	52
Number of visits to quiescent cases -----	54
Number of visits to suspicious cases -----	13
Number of visits to contacts -----	89
Number of visits to Hilum Tuberculosis -----	26

The sale of Christmas seals, provided a vacation for a number of school children, who are underweight or tuberculosis contacts. Following health rules, during this period they have an opportunity to receive regular training under skilled physicians, trained nurses teachers, and play leaders. Five girls were admitted July 28th. returning Aug. 25th. Each child improved considerably.

Although the oral examination, shows great improvement in the care of teeth dental caries are ever present,

and this defect is still encountered more than any other. The dental clinic was opened every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 9 to 11:45, beginning Oct. 1st, to June 1st. and each dentist served a month.

Number of children who reported to clinic -----	701
Number of prophylaxis -----	629
Number of extractions -----	274
Number of fillings -----	284
Number of oral examinations -----	15
Number of treatments -----	4

The children who are being followed-up under the States' Ten Year Program, were re-X-Rayed and later examined by Dr. Martin. Every month these children are weighed and measured twice per year. Parents usually accompany children at this clinic, and are given instruction, concerning the child's welfare, by the doctor and nutritionist.

Number of children recommended for re-examination -----	19
Number of children re-X-Rayed -----	18
Number of children re-examined -----	16
Number of children found improved -----	15
Number of children found unimproved -----	1
Recommended for Sanatorium treatment -----	1
Recommended for discharged (apparently well) -----	6
Number of new cases examined and X-Rayed -----	3
Number of new cases discharged -----	1
Number admitted to Westfield Sanatorium -----	1

### WORKING GROUP

Number of children in working group re-examined and re-X-Rayed -----	3
Number of children in working group found to be improved -----	3
Recommended for discharge -----	1

In June pre-school clinics were scheduled for each parochial school. All children who attended these clinics were escorted either by parent or some adult. After a complete physical examination, parents were urged to have defects corrected before entering school.

Number of children examined at Notre Dame --- 23

Number of children examined at Ste. Jeanne d'Arc 21

Number of Children examined at St. Mary's ----- 3

During 1929 and 1930 nearly a thousand children received the treatment and test for diphtheria immunization, and seven hundred and seventy-nine had a negative reaction. 224 children received the toxin-antitoxin treatment soon after school opened in Sept. These clinics are well attended, and it's gratifying to note that no diphtheria has been reported this year.

The medical inspectors assisted by the nurse, examined the parochial school children, and sent recommendations to parents.

### NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

Number of children examined ----- 609

Number of children 15% underweight ----- 34

Number of children 10% underweight ----- 64

Number of children 7% underweight ----- 88

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Number of children examined ----- 165

Number of children 15% underweight ----- 12

Number of children 10% underweight ----- 8

Number of children 7% underweight ----- 28

### STE. JEANNE d'ARC

Number of children examined ----- 398

Number of children 15% underweight ----- 48

Number of children 10% underweight ----- 42

Number of children 7% underweight ----- 88

According to local requirements, communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health were quarantined and placarded. The family received instruction concerning precautions necessary to prevent the spread of such diseases.

Number of visits to Diphtheria cases -----	0
Number of visits to Scarlet cases -----	176
Number of follow-up visits to Infantile Paralysis -	8

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

NADIA L. GATINEAU. R. N.

**Public Health Nurses.**

# REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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FOR YEAR 1931

To the citizens of the Town of Southbridge,

The year 1931 has been in our estimation, the hardest year in regard to the Welfare Department, that has been experienced. Your board has made every effort to be as economical as possible, taking into consideration, the physical and mental contentment of the unfortunates, who have come under their care. We have aided 288 families, with a total number of persons amounting to 1220. The number of persons out of work, has been the largest, because, we have been unable to place as many at work as in previous years. We have purchased 300 cords of wood, that was chopped by men who were receiving Town aid, and in this way, have made the town's money do double duty.

We wish to thank the manufacturers, and contractors, for their co-operation in the employment of needy persons. To the various Town officials we extend our appreciation.

The Mother's Aid Division, which is for widowed mothers, with two or more dependent children, has twelve active cases, at the present time. These cases are under the supervision of the State Department, and are a source of satisfaction to anyone interested in Welfare Work.

The Infirmary, on Chestnut St., is in good condition, and the inmates, well cared for, under the able supervision of Warden Joseph N. Payant, who has completed his 19th. year.

Bureau of Old Age Assistance. The first year of this division, has closed, with 30 cases receiving aid. Although



we are now at this phase of the work, we feel we have unusual types of cases, and that we are carrying out the full intent of the law. Persons receiving aid, under this Act, must be needy, worthy American Citizens, who have reached the age of seventy years, having twenty years consecutive residence in the State of Massachusetts. The Commonwealth will reimburse the Town for one third of the money expended.

Families aided in town, having local settlement	225
Families aided in town, State cases or other settlement	63
Families aided out of town with local settlement	17
Individuals aided out of town with local settlement	13
Adults fully supported (outside of own home)	2
Children aided in homes and institutions	15
Adults aided at local Infirmary	28
Mother's Aid cases (local settlement)	11
Mother's Aid cases (State cases)	2
Arrests for non-support	31

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

67 applications, for old Age Assistance were received and acted upon as follows:

Not deserving	2
Not Citizens	14
Age not proven as seventy	1
Sufficient resources	2
Children able to support	3
Died before granted	3
Pending investigation	10
Not a resident twenty consecutive years	2
Accepted	30

Respectfully submitted,

NAPOLEON BLANCHARD, Chairman.

HERMAS LIPPE

GEORGE H. HARTWELL

HERBERT H. MICHON, Clerk.



# REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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The work in the Cemetery has been carried along the usual lines during the past year. Special attention has been given Perpetual Care lots. These lots have been mowed, trimmed and raked regularly throughout the summer and fall, also sunken graves filled. As much time as possible has been put in working on the whole Cemetery. By doing this the Cemetery presents a neat attractive appearance at all times. A tree expert was employed for two weeks in the early fall cutting out dead-wood and filling cavities in several of our best trees. We feel this is money well spent. There are a large number of beautiful trees in the Cemetery and it is our endeavor to keep them in a good healthy condition. A new plan of lots was made by the Engineering Department. These were badly needed, the plans we had were in some sections obsolete as new surveys had been made since the original plans were drawn. The Cole Lot was gone over and what underbrush had accumulated during the year cut. Special attention was given the sections specified by Miss Hannah Edwards in a trust fund created by her. There were nine lots sold during the year, four accepted for Perpetual Care. The total amount collected from all sources was \$881.09.

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners,

GEORGE H. HARTWELL,  
WARDWELL M. EDWARDS,  
DANIEL T. MORRILL.



# REPORT of the TRUSTEES of the LIBRARY

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## TRUSTEES OF JACOB EDWARDS LIBRARY

George Grant	For the Town
Fred E. Corbin	Henry Tetreault
Louis O. Rieutord	For the Fund
	John E. Paige

## LIBRARIAN

Ella Miersch

## ASSISTANTS

Dorothy S. Bamford  
Alice Hebert

## SUNDAYS

James W. Lavers

## JANITOR

Romnaldo di Bonaventura

## LIBRARY HOURS

Week Days, except January 1, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas—  
10 to 12; 2 to 9 p. m. Sundays, October-May, 2 to 5:30.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Library:

Year by year more people come to the library, more books are lent, more demands are made upon the Librarian and the staff: the Library is constantly becoming more valuable to the community. 102,176 volumes were circulated during 1931, an increase of three per cent over last year, an increase of more than eighty per cent over ten years ago.

During the year 1,075 volumes were purchased; 359 of which were replacements of wornout books. The only justification for spending public money on public libraries is the educational value of the library. We try to buy a reasonable number of the flood of new fiction, but unless we spend a large proportion of our income on books of permanent value, we are betraying a public trust. And the public responds. Whereas the increase in the circulation of all books has been 80% in ten years, the increase in circulation of adult non-fiction has been over 90%.

814 state certificates were issued to children who had read, and reported on to their teachers, five books from the State reading list; 16 honor certificates for reporting on twenty books from State list. Ten years ago 16,918 volumes were circulated to children; in 1931 29,085 children's books were circulated. There would be little limit to what could be done with a separate children's room.

Fifty or more young people in the reading and reference rooms become a distinct injustice to the older people who wish, and should have, a quiet place for reading. This is often the situation in the evening, as well as in the afternoon. The work and needs of a Public Library have greatly changed in fifteen years. It might be advisable to close the children's room at six, instead of at seven thirty, as at present.

The annual report of the St. Louis public library says,"  
"More than ever are we convinced that the most important  
requisites for a librarian (and staff) are strong arches and  
a sense of humor".

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA E. MIERSCH,

Librarian.

# CIRCULATION BY MONTHS FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
January -----	5517	5260	5917	6942	6323	7261	8004	8435	9651	10018
February -----	5661	5136	5825	6416	6108	7675	8103	8439	8560	9443
March -----	6210	5678	6526	6679	7122	8286	8776	9288	9285	9772
April -----	5378	4472	5783	5822	6321	7124	7452	8386	7940	7784
May -----	4372	3980	4973	5184	5131	6446	6812	6902	6878	6599
June -----	4121	3999	4567	5603	5663	6166	6628	6481	6519	7065
July -----	4108	4106	4839	5027	4682	5646	6213	6911	7072	6836
August -----	3738	4128	5253	5043	4419	6148	6574	7004	6986	7265
September -----	3591	4067	4743	4962	4843	5750	6467	6725	7969	7611
October -----	4408	5149	5870	6184	6149	6785	7806	8520	9666	9598
November -----	4773	5342	5933	6590	6904	7438	7958	9330	9450	10332
December -----	4496	5324	5814	6189	6383	6949	7643	8097	9042	9847
Total -----	56373	56641	66043	70641	70048	81674	88436	94518	99018	102176



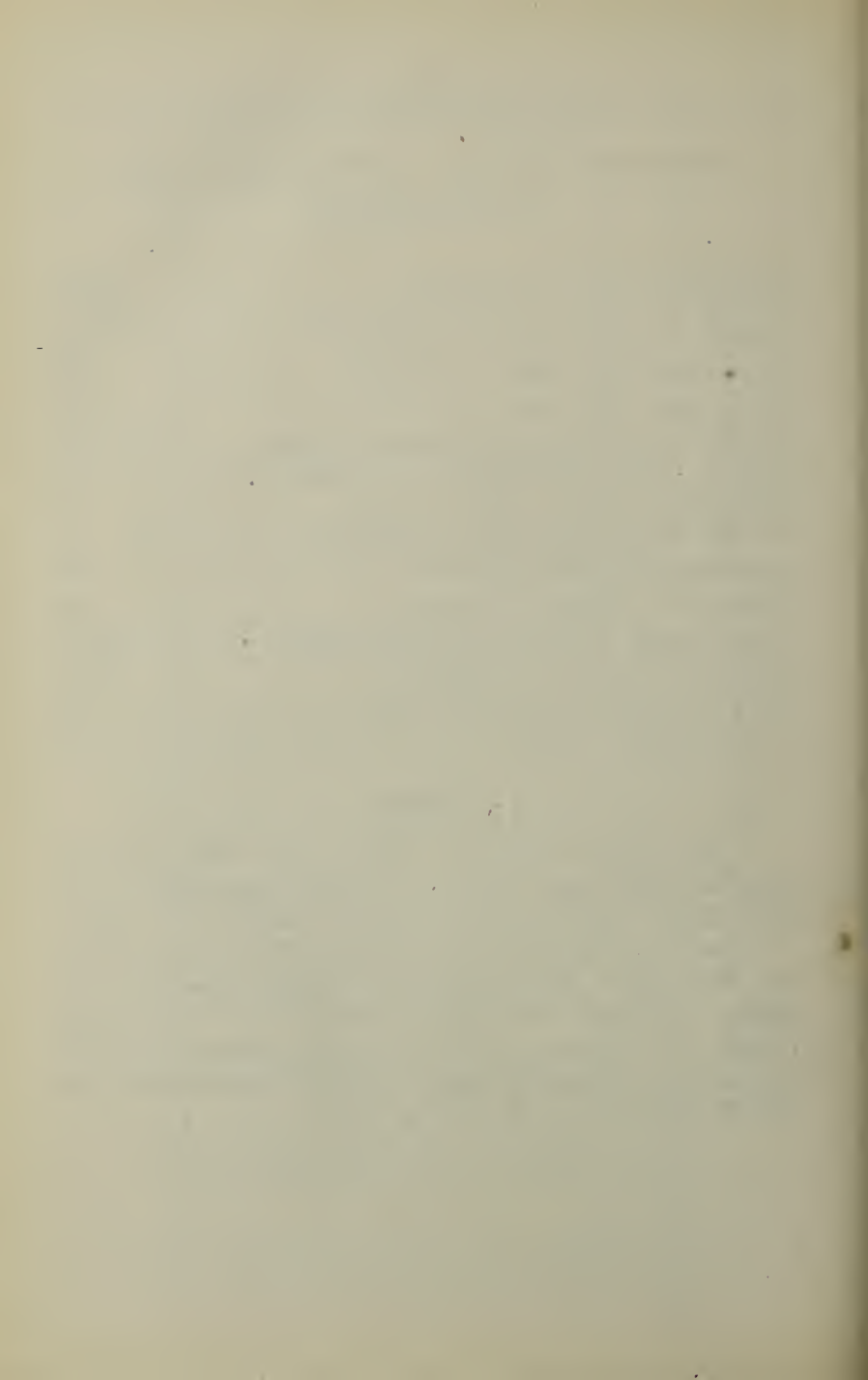
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM  
OF STATISTICS

Population served (estimated)	14,264
Number of volumes lent for home use	102,176
Number of days opened during year	339
Hours open each week for reading	561½
Hours open each week for lending	54
Number of volumes at beginning of year	28,624
Number of volumes added by purchase	716
Number of volumes added by gift	27
Number of volumes added by binding	12
Number of volumes replaced	359
Number of volumes discarded	371
Total number of volumes at end of year	29,355
Number of borrowers registered	8,233
Number of borrowers added 1931	646
Circulation per capita	7.16

GIFTS

The Library gratefully acknowledges gifts of books from the following: Herman T. Hyde, Miss Mabel Reed, Southbridge Christian science society, Eddy Town Fund.

Also subscriptions to periodicals and newspapers from the following: Southbridge Press, New England Telephone Company, American Optical Co., Southbridge Knights of Columbus, Political Club of Citizens of Polish descent, Isaac Walton League of Southbridge, Southbridge Rotary Club, U. S. A. Recruiting News.



# REPORT of the SEALER of WEIGHTS and MEASURES

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I hereby submit to you a report of the work performed by this department during the year 1932.

While the volume of articles sealed is somewhat lower than last year, the figures are not a true index of the work done by this department.

The outstanding difference this year being the gasoline pumps. Many of the larger stations installing electric meters.

An electric meter requires more than double the labor to test and seal, than required of a hand operated pump. Yet, the revenue derived from an electric meter pump is 1-6 that of the hand pump.

This year showed a very small amount of devices condemned only nine being found that were not standard.

A change in the law this year has removed 324 oil jars from the list of articles sealed, although these same jars had to be re-inspected to see that no fruit jars were used.

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SCALES	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Platform over 5000 lbs. -----	0	4	1	0
Platform under 5000 lbs. -----	5	82	4	0
Counter over 100 lbs. -----	0	1	0	0
Counter under 100 lbs. -----	2	44	1	0
Beam 100 lbs. -----	0	1	1	0
Spring over 100 lbs. -----	0	9	0	0
Spring under 100 lbs. -----	2	86	1	5
Personal weighing -----	0	13	0	0
Computing under 100 lbs. -----	11	112	1	0
Prescription -----	2	4	0	0

## WEIGHTS

Avoirdupois -----	0	498	0	0
Apothecary -----	0	52	0	0
Metric -----	0	35	0	0

## MEASURES

Vehicle Tanks -----	0	3	0	0
Liquid -----	0	3	0	0
Jars -----	0	8	0	1

## PUMPS

Gasoline Pumps -----	6	61	10	3
Gasoline Meter Pumps -----	2	24	0	0
Kerosene Pumps -----	0	20	0	0
Oil Pumps -----	0	14	7	0
Quantity Stops On Pumps -----	10	299	0	0
Yard Measures -----	0	29	0	0

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## INSPECTIONS OF FOODS

	Total Tested	No. Correct	Incorrect	
			Over	Under
Bread	120	106	8	6
Butter	69	68	1	0
Coal in Bags	47	36	0	11
Confectionery	77	77	0	0
Meats and provisions	84	84	0	0
Cord Wood	1	1	0	0

## OTHER INSPECTIONS

Markings on Bread .....	120
Markings of Food Pks. ....	36
License Peddlers .....	37
Ice Scales .....	9
Clinical Thermometers .....	58
Extra Test of Pumps .....	19
Oil Jars .....	168

In addition to this work many applications were filled for peddlers licenses many being State licenses for which the Town Treasurer gets a check from the State for a portion of the fees.

No records are kept at this office of the number of applications filed.

Respectfully submitted

G. R. LARIVIERE

Sealer

# REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

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To The Honorable Board of Selectmen,

The tree situation of the town to my estimation was never in better condition according to the appropriations granted. All dead trees have been removed so as not to endanger lives of the pedestrians. Also the branches which were found to be a menace to the public have been tended to in due time. We have exceeded the number taken out by new trees. At present time I have fifty new trees coming and the I. Walton League of America, have fifty more which are to be planted along here and there.

Respectfully submitted

ALBERT E. L'ECUYER

Tree Warden.



# REPORT OF GYPSY MOTH DEPARTMENT

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Much progress has been shown in the Gypsy Moth situation. Today egg clusters are less numerous in number than last year. It is of my opinion that we are gradually getting the upperhand of this disastrous pest by yearly thorough scanting the town. But sorry to discover a pest of another species, very similar to the moth which has come to us of late known as the Satan Moth, it is much smaller in size, but of the same nature, that is as destructive, as the Gypsy Moth.

Feeding mostly on poplar, willows etc. I wish to inform you if you should encounter these please notify me and I will gladly assist you in their destruction. Each year seems to bring us a new pest such as the Beetle pest, better known as the Japanese Beetle, which has been imported through the transportation of plants in the roots of flowers etc. When these have matured they thrive on peach leaves and the fruit. This has not as yet reached our vicinity, although can be expected, as they are already within fifty miles in Boston Harbor.

Respectfully submitted

ALBERT E. L'ECUYER

Superintendent.

# REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

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Southbridge, Mass., Jan. 15, 1932

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen;

Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby render my report for the year ending December 31, 1931.

As your Inspector of Animals I have made two inspections of barns the past year. The work has greatly increased on account of a few herds being tuberculin tested.

I find five hundred thirty four (534) head of cattle. One hundred eight (108) hogs. Five goats and one sheep.

I quarantined ten dogs having bitten persons. After fourteen days they were released as they showed no symptoms of rabies.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Van Tassell, D. V. M.

Inspector of Animals.

# REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Southbridge, Mass. Jan. 6, 1932

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen,

I submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1931.

During the year I have issued the following permits.

New Work .....	31
Additional to old work .....	277
Total .....	308
Recommendations to change wiring .....	49
Corrections made to above .....	49
Total .....	49
Inspections to both old and new work .....	357

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES J. LA FRANCE

Inspector of Wiring.

# Report of Playground Committee

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Mr. Hector LeClair.

Chairman of School Committee.

Dear Sir:

The Playground Season opened July 6th 1931 and continued for six weeks, ending August 14th 1931.

Owing to the inclement weather of the first week, outside activities were omitted on two afternoons. On these afternoons, individual classes were started in the different houses on the grounds. In this way the children did not lose any time in beginning their industrial work.

The five playgrounds; namely, Central, School, Elm, Union St. and Sandersdale had a daily average attendance of 915 children. The Sandersdale rounds with its new entrance and fencing made it the safest ground for the children in the Community.

After four weeks of playground season owing to unfriendly attitude of a few of the residents, Elm and Union Streets, the kindergarten grounds were closed.

After the closing of Elm St. grounds, the use of a lot was given on Everett St. for playground purposes, but the distance was too great for the little children to cover, therefore, the attendance was reduced considerably.

The afternoon sessions were divided into industrial and play periods. The program opened on each ground at 1:30 P. M. with the "Flag salute" and the singing "America" The industrial period included basketry, wooden

articles, sewing, weaving, and other novelties, as a result 642 articles were completed by the children.

Play periods were divided into active, quiet, competitive games and sports.

Special play days were held every Friday on the Dresser St. grounds, where the children from the different grounds met in competition for the banner, which is given to the ground with the largest number of points. This year the honor went to School St. after Central St. holding it for two consecutive years.

Through the generosity of Mr. Gable, Mr. Burns, Mr. Ashworth and Mr. Illingsworth, we were able to hold a special programme for the children at Cedar Lake Park, Sturbridge, Mass. This outing was held August 13th 1931. A basket lunch was enjoyed, swimming and field events were included in the day's pleasure.

The children assembled at the grounds at 9:00 A. M. oclock and were conveyed by bus to the Park, under special supervision of all teachers. After a very happy day the return trip was made at 4:30 P. M.

Two boys, one from Central St. and one from School St. were presented "Babe Ruth" baseballs for having made the greatest number of hits for the season.

The interest taken by the children in the industrial and athletic activities was most gratifying.

Baseball, Volley ball and Punch ball tournaments proved most interesting, giving the children a chance to prove their true character in sportsmanship.

These sports cause great rivalry and are an incentive to the children to work harder for their home grounds.

An exhibit of articles made, were placed for two days in the window of Mr. Richard McAllister, for which courtesy I am sincerely grateful as the people from all parts of the town had an opportunity to view the excellence

of playground work. I wish to thank the Grace Flower Shop for the beautiful flowers donated for this exhibition.

I would recommend for the coming season, that tennis courts be laid out on Dresser and Central Streets grounds, so that the children would have an opportunity to learn the finer sports, thereby, making them better citizens.

I wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the Playground Committee, also that of my co-worker Mrs. John Beck.

The interest and loyalty of the Directors and teachers was untiring and I wish to sincerely thank them.

Respectfully submitted

CECILIA E. POWER

Supervisor of Playgrounds.



# REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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The Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen :

Attached is report of Town Accountant for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1931.

The report shows expenditures and receipts in itemized form as prescribed by the Division of Accounts of the Department of Taxation & Corporations of Massachusetts. There is also appended a schedule of appropriations and expenditures as well as a list of outstanding bills on Dec. 31, 1931 as presented to this department, and a balance sheet as of Dec. 31, 1931.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. DESROSIER

Town Accountant

## LIST OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

Dec. 31, 1931

Treasurer -----	29.77
Assessor -----	1.75
Town Hall -----	55.64
Soldiers Relief -----	480.40
Water & Ice -----	50.00
Public Welfare—Outside Poor -----	898.31
Police Department -----	99.24
Fire Department -----	40.30
Ambulance -----	.85
Sealer of Weights and Measures -----	5.93
Highways -----	6.45
Board of Health -----	92.75
Cemetery -----	4.70
School Department -----	213.59
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Total Outstanding Bills -----	\$1,929.68

## RECEIPTS

### General Revenue

#### Taxes:

Current Year, Real Estate and	
Personal -----	\$327,103.66
Current year, Poll & Old Age	
Ass'tance -----	11,395.00
Current year, Excise -----	19,948.86
Previous years, Real Estate and	
Personal -----	117,064.21
Previous years, Poll -----	1,262.00
Previous years, Excise -----	3,472.20
Gasoline Tax Refund -----	5,700.18
Corporation Tax -----	18,483.65
Income Tax -----	46,825.70

National Bank Tax -----	1,657.89	
Trust Company Tax -----	38.16	
Total Taxes -----		\$552,951.51
Licenses:		
Liquor -----	2.00	
Junk -----	45.00	
Peddlers -----	277.00	
Sunday -----	231.00	
Pool and Bowling -----	115.00	
Milk -----	54.00	
Jitneys and Jitney Drivers -----	202.00	
All other Licenses and Permits -----	523.81	
Total Licenses -----		1,449.81
Fines:		
Courts -----		45.00
Grants and Gifts:		
From State		
Smith-Hughes Fund -----	2,225.38	
Vocational Aid to Industrial		
School -----	14,922.80	
From County		
Dog Licenses -----	1,097.42	
Total -----		18,245.60
Total General Revenue -----		572,691.92

### COMMERCIAL REVENUE

#### Departmental

#### General Government

Town Hall -----	723.00
Treasurer -----	2.00
All other Gen. Gov't. -----	20.25

Total .....		745.25
Police Department		
Rent .....	1,250.00	
All Other Revenue .....	15.50	
Total .....		1,265.50
Fire Department		
Sale of Old Materials .....	25.60	
All Other .....	9.50	
Total .....		35.10
Sealer of Weights and Measures		
Scaling Fees, Etc. ....		147.95
Wire Inspection .....		.30
Board of Health		
Contagious Diseases .....	19.50	
Tuberculosis .....	.40	
Total .....		19.90
Highway Department		
Refunds of Over-payments &		
Equipt Rental .....	129.28	
Sale of Old Materials .....	224.20	
Total .....		353.48
Charities		
Reimbursements for Relief Rendered		
Cities and Towns .....	3,489.01	
State .....	2,413.54	
Mothers' Aid from State ----	3,889.16	
Total Charities .....		9,791.71
Soldiers' Benefits		
State Aid .....	820.00	
Military Aid .....	579.66	
Total .....		1,399.66

Schools

Tuition State Wards -----	256.50
Other Tuition -----	8,547.00
All Other Revenue -----	1,127.35

Total -----	9,930.85
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Library

Fines -----	504.45
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Unclassified

Ambulance -----	515.00
Wild Cat Bounty -----	30.00

Total -----	545.00
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Total Departmental Revenue -----	24,739.15
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Special Assessments

Sewers, Apportioned -----	1,079.53
Sidewalks, Unapportioned ----	673.85
Sidewalks, Apportioned -----	461.49

Total Assessments -----	2,214.87
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Cemeteries

Sale of Lots & Graves -----	297.00
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Graves Opened, Foundations and

Annual Care -----	284.09
Perpetual Care -----	300.00

Total Cemeteries -----	881.09
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INTEREST

Interest

On Bank Deposits -----	1,099.74
On Taxes -----	7,412.02
On Sewer Assessments -----	275.41
On Sidewalk Assessments ----	77.22

On Trust Funds

Cemetery -----	3,131.99
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Ella M. Cole -----	145.00	
Edwards Bequest -----	2,623.97	
J. J. Angell & Mynott Fund ----	88.66	
Total Interest -----		14,854.01

Total Commercial Revenue -----		42,689.15
Municipal Indebtedness		
Anticipation of Revenue -----	525,000.00	
Sinking Fund -----	2,906.75	
Emergency Loan -----	21,800.00	
Total -----		549,706.75
Total Receipts (all sources) -----		1,165,087.79
Cash on hand, January 1, 1931 -----		20,382.00
Total -----		1,185,469.79

## PAYMENTS

### General Government

Moderator -----	20.00	20.00
Selectmen's Department		
Salaries -----	\$ 1,700.00	
Clerk -----	475.00	
Stationery and Postage -----	49.76	
Printing and Advertising ----	56.67	
Car Fares, Teams, Etc. -----	53.00	
Telephone -----	181.63	
All Other Including Taxi Badges	99.86	
Total Selectmen -----		2,615.92
Accountant's Department		
Salary -----	1,800.00	
Stationery and Postage -----	23.88	
Printing and Advertising ----	48.78	
Binding -----	15.85	



All Other -----	28.72	
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Total Accountant -----		1,917.23
Treasury Department		
Salaries -----	1,350.00	
Clerk -----	500.00	
Stationery, Postage & Printing -----	109.80	
Telephone -----	41.75	
Certifying Notes -----	42.00	
Bond and Insurance -----	268.08	
All Other -----	27.13	
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Total Treasury -----		2,338.23
Collectors Department		
Salary -----	1,500.00	
Clerk -----	500.00	
Stationery and Postage -----	293.80	
Printing and Advertising and Recording -----	387.27	
Telephone -----	47.66	
Bond and Insurance -----	464.02	
Travel-Transportation Expense -----	146.50	
All Other -----	8.81	
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Total Collector -----		3,348.06
Assessors' Department		
Salaries-Assessors -----	2,900.00	
Clerks -----	216.69	
Stationery and Postage -----	206.02	
Printing and Advertising -----	741.12	
Car Fares, Teams and Travel -----	136.85	
Telephone -----	44.55	
Examination of Titles -----	64.25	
All Other -----	62.40	
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Total Assessors -----		4,371.88

Town Clerk's Department

Salary -----	1,050.00
Clerk -----	600.00
Stationery and Postage -----	91.08
Printing and Advertising -----	27.22
Telephone -----	53.24
Office Equipment and Supplies --	122.56
All Other -----	5.00

Total Town Clerk -----	1,949.10
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Election and Registration Department

Salaries Registrars -----	160.00
Election Officers -----	728.50
Clerk to Board of Reg'rs -----	160.50
All Other Wages -----	39.25
Printing and Advertising -----	375.75
Meals -----	254.00
Stationery and Postage -----	16.00
All Other Expenses (Equip- ment) -----	65.00

Total Election and Registration -----	1,799.00
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Law Department

Town Counsel -----	800.00
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Engineering Department

Salaries -----	2,038.50
Asst. Engineer and Labor -----	408.43
Traffic and Street Signs -----	43.95
Tools and Supplies -----	62.60
Telephone -----	38.87
Office Supplies and Postage -----	78.02
Transportation -----	
All Other -----	

Total Engineering -----	2,670.37
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Town Hall		
Janitor -----	1,300.00	
All Other Wages -----	217.75	
Fuel -----	875.07	
Light and Water -----	613.19	
Janitors' Supplies -----	117.74	
Repairs -----	661.92	
Chairs and Furnishings -----	164.34	
All Other -----	14.00	
Total Town Hall -----		3,964.01

Total General Government -----	25,793.80
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### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

#### Police Department:

##### Salaries:

Chief -----	2,400.00
Patrolmen -----	22,657.70
Special Police -----	723.65
Janitor and Other Wages -----	1,217.00

##### Miscellaneous

Team Hire -----	5.00
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##### Equipment and Repairs:

Equipment for Men -----	177.93
All Other -----	50.97
Maintenance of Automobile Equipment -----	708.81
New Automotive Equipment ---	575.00

##### Fuel and Light

Fuel -----	277.56
Light -----	234.98

##### Maintenance of Building and Grounds:

Repairs -----	221.53
Janitor's Supplies -----	85.22
All Other -----	45.21

##### Other Expenses

Printing, Stationery, Postage --	23.25
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Telephone and Police Signal		
System -----	1,080.42	
Care of Prisoners -----	365.95	
Travel Expenses -----	19.40	
All Other -----	105.74	
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Total Police Department -----		30,975.32
Fire Department		
Salaries and Wages		
Engineers -----	700.00	
Chief -----	2,400.00	
Permanent Men -----	13,317.38	
Call Men -----	3,332.00	
Supt. of Alarms -----	225.00	
Equipment Maintenance and Repairs:		
Compressor -----	175.00	
Apparatus Repairs -----	533.16	
New Hose -----	512.00	
Equipment for Men -----	46.01	
Alarm Boxes, Etc. -----	320.70	
Gasoline and Oil -----	130.19	
Tires and Tubes -----	213.00	
All Other -----	62.64	
Hydrant Service -----	13,682.50	
Fuel and Light:		
Fuel -----	388.44	
Light -----	190.17	
Water -----	26.23	
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:		
Repairs -----	191.18	
Furniture and Furnishings -----	181.75	
Laundry Work -----	66.43	
All Other -----	93.34	
Other Expenses		
Stationery, Printing, Postage --	11.60	
Telephone -----	149.54	

Travel Expenses -----	81.40	
All Other -----	76.83	
Special Appropriation Accounts:		
Repairs Roof Station NO. 2 and		
Painting -----	451.05	
Tires & Wheels Seagrave Pump-		
ing Engine -----	490.00	
<del>and also</del>		
Total Fire Department -----		38,047.54
Forest Fires		
Salaries and Wages		i
Warden -----	200.00	
Fighting Fires -----	27.50	
Apparatus Supplies -----	47.75	
Tools and Equipment -----	156.80	
Forest Fire Pump Truck -----	745.00	
Hose & Equipment of Truck --	1,625.00	
All Other -----	11.00	
Total Forest Fires -----		2,813.05
Planting and Trimming Trees:		
Labor-Superintendent -----	425.50	
Truck Hire -----	153.00	
Hardware and Tools -----	19.54	
Total Tree Warden -----		598.04
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Extermination:		
Labor -----	389.50	
Hardware and Tools and Inter-		
sectides -----		
Truck Hire -----	108.00	
Total -----		497.50
Inspector of Wires		
Salaries and Wages		
Inspector -----	480.00	
Office Supplies and Printing --	100.10	

Office Equipment -----	44.00	
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Total Inspection of Wires -----		624.10
Sealer of Weights and Measures		
Salary -----	1,050.00	
Stationery, Postage, Printing and Advertising -----	12.16	
Car Fares, Teams, and Trans- portation -----	250.00	
Telephone -----	16.09	
Equipment and Repairs -----	63.65	
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Total Sealer of Weights and Measures --		1,391.90
Damage to Persons and Property -----		15.95
Game Warden -----		100.00
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Total Protection of Persons and Property ----		75,063.40

### HEALTH AND SANITATION

#### General Administration:

Salary of Board of Health ----	300.00
Salary of Agent -----	500.00
Stationery and Postage -----	27.59
Printing and Advertising -----	25.15
Telephone -----	87.60
All Other (Including Trans- portation) -----	115.53

#### Quarantine and Contagious Diseases:

Board and Treatment -----	181.25
Medical Attendance -----	398.00
Guards and Nurses -----	11.00
Drugs and Medicines -----	29.95
Dry Goods and Clothing -----	27.60
Hospitals -----	140.56
Cities and Towns -----	61.50
Transportation of Patients -----	260.50



Tuberculosis

Board and Treatment .....	1,841.41
Food and Clothing .....	196.01
All Other .....	64.25

Vital Statistics

Births .....	54.75
Deaths .....	36.75

Other Expenditures:

Plumbing Inspector .....	1,200.00
Nurse .....	1,526.15
Dental Clinic .....	630.73
All Other .....	5.00

Inspection:

School Children	
Salaries .....	500.00

Animals	
Salaries .....	300.00

Meats and Provisions	
Salaries .....	400.00
Expenses .....	138.48

Milk and Vinegar	
Salaries .....	100.00

Refuse and Garbage	
Labor .....	4,012.50
Rent of Dump .....	125.00
Equipment .....	37.30

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Total Health .....	13,334.56
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Sewer Maintenance

Administration

Commissioners' Salary .....	300.00
Supt. & Ass'ts. Supt's. Salaries .....	2,268.00
Stationery, Printing Postage .....	2.25
Telephone and Clerk Hire .....	92.64
All Other .....	

General

Labor -----	
Tools and Equipment -----	47.40
Piping and Fittings -----	25.95
Sewer Repairs -----	145.50
All Other -----	77.65

Total Sewer Maintenance -----	2,959.39
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**SUPPLEMENTAL**

Glover Street Sewer

Contract -----	842.85
Inspector -----	22.00
Manholes and Pipe -----	314.26
Recording -----	3.17
Extra Construction -----	3.59
All Other -----	4.00

Total -----	1,189.87
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Wardwell Court Sewer -----	349.89
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Total Health Sanitation and Sewers -----	17,833.71
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**HIGHWAYS**

General Administration

Surveyor -----	1,800.00
Clerk -----	300.00
All Other (Telephone and Office Expenses) -----	101.26

General

Labor -----	11,332.07
Teams -----	137.00
Broken Stone and Gravel, Etc. -	1,073.99
Equipment and Repairs -----	1,111.59
Truck Hire -----	5,049.91

Stone Crushing -----	556.71	
Motor Equipment Maintenance -	2,158.90	
Gas and Oil -----	1,052.47	
New Automobile -----	487.00	
Fuel and Roller -----	125.50	
Materials—Trap Rock, Etc. --	1,631.43	
All Other -----	37.67	
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Total -----		26,955.50
Maintenance of Permanent Roads:		
Labor -----	1,159.25	
Truck Hire -----	1,222.54	
Materials -----	3,119.38	
Maintenance Motor Equipment	312.45	--
Gas and Oil -----	186.76	
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Total Maintenance Permanent Roads ---		6,000.38
Sidewalk and Curbing:		
Maintenance		
Labor -----	1,157.75	
Trucks -----	172.52	
Materials -----	667.02	
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Total Sidewalks and Curbing -----		1,997.29
Street Oiling		
Materials -----		2,494.73
Snow and Ice Removal		
Labor -----	6,955.75	
Teams -----	10.00	
Truck Hire -----	4,530.79	
Maintenance Motor Equipment	104.21	
Gas and Oil -----	149.79	
Equipment and Tools -----	120.86	
Sand, Gravel and Material ---	291.00	
All Other -----	25.00	
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Total -----		12,187.40

Street Lights

Contract -----	15,178.34
Hiker Monument -----	61.42
Christmas Lighting -----	100.00

Total Street Lights -----	15,339.76
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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Dresser Street Sidewalk:

Contract -----	1,836.16
Materials -----	12.80
Extra Construction -----	103.05
Inspection and All Other -----	17.58

Total Dresser Street Sidewalk -----	1,969.59
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Marcy Street Pavement:

Labor -----	11,382.09
Tools and Equipment Repairs --	1,440.83
Truck Hire -----	4,198.96
Materials -----	6,282.01
All Other -----	44.17

Total Marcy Street Pavement -----	23,348.06
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Morris Street Drain:

Labor -----	521.25
Trucks -----	12.00
Gas and Oil -----	12.38
Materials -----	638.00

Total Morris Street Drain -----	1,181.63
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North Mechanic Streets Drain:

Contract -----	1,037.63
Extra Construction -----	856.39
Catch Basins and Frames ----	87.27
All Other -----	18.50

Total North Mechanic Street Drain -----	1,999.79
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South Sayles Street Drains:

Contract .....	2,159.53
Additional Construction .....	54.06
Catch Basin .....	106.55
Inspection .....	18.00
All Other .....	11.75

Total South Sayles Street Drains .....	2,349.89
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Total Highways, New Construction, Etc .....	95,824.02
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CHARITIES

Poor Department

General Administration

Salaries and Wages .....	2,899.98
Printing, Stationery, Postage .....	144.64
All Other (Including Telephone and Transportation) .....	321.14

Outside Relief by Town

Groceries and Provisions .....	33,635.77
Coal and Wood .....	844.93
Labor-Cutting Wood. Etc. ..	150.25
Board and Care .....	3,453.02
Medicine and Medical Attendance .....	3,453.02
State Institutions .....	6,558.51
Rent and Cash Aid .....	1,013.10
Clothing .....	9,342.44
Auto Maint'ce .....	2,529.34
New Automobile .....	67.38
All Other .....	704.50
	244.25

Relief by Other Cities and Towns

Cities .....	1,960.98
Towns .....	1,829.06

Total Public Welfare .....	65,699.29
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Mothers' Aid by Town -----		8,983.50
Infirmary:		
Salaries and Wages		
Superintendent -----	1,800.00	
Other Employes -----	6.00	
Other Expenses		
Groceries and Provisions ----	2,444.23	
Dry Goods and Clothing ----	159.82	
Buildings -----	283.23	
Fuel, Light and Water -----	808.62	
Tools and Equipment -----	79.25	
Automobile Maintenance ----	111.15	
Medical Care -----	169.65	
Telephone -----	39.02	
All Other -----	88.25	
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Total Infirmary -----		5,989.22
Old Age Assistance:		
Salaries -----	324.00	
Supplies and Forms -----	79.92	
Medical Aid -----	8.00	
Cash Aid -----	2,472.00	
Clothing -----	3.50	
Fuel -----	404.45	
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Total Old Age Assistance -----		3,292.87
Soldiers' Benefits:		
Investigation -----	14.00	
State Aid -----	1,270.00	
Military Aid -----	930.00	
Soldiers' Relief		
Groceries and Provisions ----	4,088.25	
Rent and Cash Aid -----	3,719.28	
Fuel -----	235.09	
Medicine and Medical Attend-		
ance -----	1,180.54	



Clothing -----	209.25	
All Other (Including Aid Rendered by Other Towns and Cities) -----	109.75	
Total Soldiers' Benefits -----		11,756.16
Total Charities -----		95,721.04

### SCHOOLS

#### General:

Salary of Superintendent --	4,110.04
Clerk -----	1,083.25
School Census -----	132.16
Truant Officer -----	400.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage	254.58
Telephone -----	307.32
Traveling Expenses and Taxi	312.39
Office Equipment and Fix- tures -----	73.61
All Other -----	69.48

#### Teachers' Salaries:

High -----	28,360.88
Elementary -----	65,116.99
Evening -----	2,713.50
Americanization -----	228.25
Continuation -----	3,627.80
Vocational -----	23,285.03

#### Text Books and Supplies

##### High

Text and Reference Books --	1,084.32
All Other Supplies -----	2,840.73

##### Elementary

Text and Reference Books --	1,758.45
All Other Supplies -----	2,022.19

Evening	
Text and Reference Books ..	3.13
All Other Supplies .....	113.22
Tuition	
Industrial .....	407.02
Transportation	
Elementary .....	5,072.00
Janitors' Services	
High .....	1,308.00
Elementary .....	6,201.50
Fuel and Light	
High .....	2,454.42
Elementary .....	4,093.18
Evening .....	141.60
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	
High	
Repairs .....	775.02
Janitors' Supplies .....	195.96
All Other .....	121.13
Elementary	
Repairs .....	2,844.85
Janitors' Supplies .....	285.85
All Other .....	874.52
New Elementary Fence ----	952.58
Furniture and Furnishings	
High .....	601.80
Elementary .....	1,474.37
Continuation	
All Other Supplies .....	667.55
Vocational	
All Other Supplies .....	4,649.69
Other Expenses—Schools	
Diplomas and Graduation	
Exercises .....	45.00
Miscellaneous Printing ----	387.01
Health Inspection .....	2,382.00

All Other Items -----	75.38	
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Total Schools -----		174,585.95
Smith-Hughes Fund (Schools)		
Teachers' Salaries		
Continuation -----	481.69	
Vocational -----	1,617.73	
Vocational Evening -----	125.96	
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Total Smith-Hughes Fund -----		2,225.38
Libraries:		
Salaries and Wages		
Librarian -----	1,423.82	
Assistants -----	2,564.57	
Miscellaneous Wages -----	21.08	
Janitors -----	1,095.68	
Books		
Books -----	1,096.53	
Periodicals -----	305.64	
Fuel and Light		
Fuel -----	563.75	
Light -----	260.64	
Binding		
Books -----	437.09	
Buildings		
Repairs -----	1.00	
Furniture and Furnishings --	7.50	
All Other -----	27.64	
Other Expenses		
Stationery, Printing, Postage	133.81	
Telephone -----	40.00	
All Other -----	21.24	
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Total Libraries -----		7,999.99

# Edwards Bequest

## Salaries and Wages

Librarian -----	499.98
Assistant Librarians -----	624.78
Janitor -----	220.80
Books -----	473.67
Binding -----	242.20
Repairs to Building -----	123.75
Lights, Fuel and Water -----	90.65
All Other -----	61.68

Total Edwards Bequest -----	2,337.51
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## Mary Mynott Trust Fund

Library Books -----	64.31	64.31
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## Ella M. Cole Fund (Needy School

Children Shoes, Clothing, Etc.,) -----	67.62
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## J. J. Angell Fund

Shoes and Misc. Clothing -----	44.35
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## Recreation and Unclassified:

Memorial Day Observance -----	400.00
Armistice Day Observance -----	150.00
Band Concerts -----	500.00

## Parks

Maintenance and Labor -----	380.44
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## Playgrounds

Salaries -----	1,077.00
Supplies -----	236.23
Repairs -----	64.89
<b>Rental</b> -----	85.00
Transportation -----	32.00
All Other -----	22.88

Total Playgrounds -----	1,518.00
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Water & Ice Supply:		
Ice -----	431.63	
Water -----	169.17	
All Other -----	30.56	
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Total Water & Ice Supply -----		631.36
Tax Refunds—Motor Vehicle		
Excise -----	394.43	394.43
Ambulance -----		224.22
Pensions		
Police Department -----		832.00
Insurance		
Workmen's Compensation and Public		
Liability -----	2,047.09	
Boiler -----	168.17	
Fire Insurance -----	3,383.74	
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Total Insurance -----		5,599.00
Planning Board -----		4.00
Estimated Revenue (Refund of		
Overpayment to Treasurer) -	.06	.06
Annual Town Reports, Printing -----		492.80
Town Clock:		
Salary -----	50.00	
Repairs -----	5.50	
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Total Town Clock -----		55.50
Dudley River Road Land Damage -----		1,000.00
Cemeteries		
Salaries and Wages		
Superintendent -----	250.00	



Labor -----	4,052.00	
Markers -----	54.35	
Shrubs Etc. -----	104.75	
Tools and Materials -----	166.78	
Team Hire -----	150.00	
All Other (Including Water) -----	18.43	
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Total Cemeteries -----		4,796.31
Outstanding 1930 Bills -----		6,506.14
Interest		
Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Revenue ----	7,955.31	
General Loans:		
Sewer -----	600.00	
Highway -----	34.85	
School -----	4,296.25	
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Total Interest -----		12,886.41
Municipal Indebtedness		
Temporary Loans		
Anticipation of Revenue ----	561,500.00	
General Loans		
Sewer -----	10,000.00	
Highway -----	1,360.00	
School -----	12,250.00	
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Total Indebtedness Paid -----		585,110.00
Agency, Trust and Investment:		
Agency		
State Tax -----	16,350.00	
Old Age Assistance Special		
Tax -----	4,276.00	
Auditing Municipal Acc'ts. --	680.79	
County Tax -----	26,160.00	



County Hospital Tax -----	2,235.90
State Parks and Reservations Tax -----	268.56
Veteran's Exemption -----	6.38
Trust and Investment Cemetery -----	592.00
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment -----	50,569.63
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Total Payments -----	1,169,611.38
Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1931 -----	15,858.41
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Total -----	1,185,469.79

## BALANCE SHEET—DEC. 31, 1931

## ASSETS

Cash: General -----	15,858.41
Special Deposits Sur- plus War <sup>1</sup> Bonus <sup>2</sup> Fd. & Acc't. -----	10,203.68
Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund ---	292.00

## Taxes

Levy of 1927	---	671.16
Levy of 1928	----	2,182.83
Levy of 1929	----	2,685.67
Levy of 1930	----	34,099.89
Levy of 1931	----	93,839.93

133,479.48

### Temporary Loans:

In	Anticipation of	
Revenue	-----	110,000.00
Trust Fund Income		
J. J. Angell Fd.	----	38.77
A. Boyer Jr. School		
Fd.	-----	11.29
E. M. Cole School		
Chil. Fd.	-----	48.66
Edwards Library Fd.		
M. Mynott Fund	----	11.46

Tailings (Unpaid Checks) -----  
Cemetery Sale of Lots and  
Graves -----  
World War Memorial Fd -----

Old Age Asst'ce Taxes -----	324.00
Motor Excise Taxes (	
Levy of 1929 ----	84.64
Levy of 1930 ----	556.20
Levy of 1931 ----	2,002.08

Appropriation Balances	
Wall Street Sewer -	480.72
Glover Street Sewer	310.13
Dudley River Rd.	
Dam! -----	960.00

2,642.92

1,750.85  
3,036.97

Special Assessments	
Unapportioned Sewers	
(Treas.) -----	322.90
Apportioned Sewers	
added to Taxes	
1929 -----	19.91
Apportioned Sewers	
added to Taxes	
1930 -----	411.65
Apportioned Sewers	
added to Taxes	
1931 -----	575.08
Committee Sewer Int.	
1929 -----	31.35
Committee Sewer Int.	
1930 -----	111.35

Sewer Assessment Receipts ---	1,750.85
Overlays—Reserved for Abatements	3,036.97
Levy of 1927 ----	671.16
Levy of 1928 ----	1,950.79
Levy of 1929 ----	2,296.30
Levy of 1930 ----	2,284.99
Levy of 1931 ----	2,775.98

9,979.22

Revenue Reserved Until Collected	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax -----	2,642.92
Departmental ----	14,788.89
Sewer Assess't --	1,575.76
Sidewalk Assess't -	2,073.20

Committee Sewer Int.		Tax Titles	-----	14,411.72
1931 -----	103.52			
Un - App. Sidewalk added to Taxes				
1930 -----				35,492.49
Un - App. Sidewalk added to Taxes	713.39	Surplus Revenue	-----	24,423.44
1931 -----	656.71			
Un - App. Sidewalk added to Taxes				
1927 -----	182.00			
App. Sidewalk added to Taxes 1930 --	166.84			
App. Sidewalk added to Taxes 1931 ---	274.18			
Com. Sidewalk Int. -	80.08			
				3,648.96
Tax Titles Held by Town	-----			14,411.72
Departmental:				
Town Hall -----	75.00			
Ambulance -----	680.00			
Health -----	312.19			

Highway -----	103.50
Public Welfare --	7,735.88
Mothers' Aid ----	3,868.42
State Aid -----	1,270.00
Military Aid ----	465.00
Schools Aid -----	40.00
Cemetery -----	238.90

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14,788.89

Overdrawn Accts.

Police -----	.32
Maint'ce Permit Rds.	.38
Snow and Ice -----	178.40
Soldiers Relief -----	384.78

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563.88

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196,213.94

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DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments	1,396.92	Apportioned Sewer
—Not Due -----		Assess't Revenue Due
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessments		in 1932 -----

554.09

Not Due -----	189.22	Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1933 -----	554.07
		Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1934 -----	102.90
		Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1935 -----	78.58
		Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1936 -----	56.76
		Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1937 -----	30.62
		Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1938 -----	19.90
			1,396.92
		Apportioned Sidewalk Assess't Revenue Due in 1932 -----	112.37
		Apportioned Sidewalk	



Assess't Revenue Due in 1933 -----	38.43
Apportioned Sidewalk Assess't Revenue Due in 1934 -----	38.42
	<hr/> 189.22
	<hr/> 1,586.14

#### DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt -----	133,050.00	Serial 4%	111,250.00
		Emergency Loan—1931	21,800.00
	<hr/> 133,050.00		<hr/> 133,050.00

#### TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities	71,995.66	J. J. Angell Fd. ---	1,000.00
		Ella M. Cole Fd. --	3,000.00
		A. Boyer Jr. Fd. --	266.73

M. Mynott Fd. -----	1,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual	
Care Fds. -----	41,728.93
Cemetery General	
Care Fds. -----	25,000.00

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71,995.66

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JOSEPH E. DESROSIER

Town Accountant

# APPROPRIATIONS

	Appropriations, Transfers and Refunds	Expenditures	Unexpended Bal.	Over- drawals
<b>General Government</b>				
Moderator -----	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$
Selectmen -----	2,800.00	2,615.92	184.08	
Accountant -----	1,950.00	1,917.23	32.77	
Treasurer -----	2,339.80	2,338.23	1.57	
Tax Collector -----	3,350.00	3,348.06	1.94	
Assessors -----	4,503.97	4,375.85	128.12	
Town Clerk -----	1,950.00	1,049.10	.90	
Election and Registration -----	1,800.00	1,799.00	1.00	
Law -----	800.00	800.00		
Town Hall -----	4,000.00	3,964.01	35.99	
Engineering Dept. -----	2,672.85	2,670.37	2.48	
<b>Protection of Persons and Property</b>				
Police Dept. -----	30,975.00	30,975.32		.92
Fire Dept. (Including Hydrants) -----	38,402.00	38,047.54	354.46	
Forest Fire Dept. -----	3,070.00	2,813.05	256.95	
Sealer of Weights and Measures -----	1,400.00	1,391.90	8.10	
Tree Warden -----	600.00	598.04	1.96	
Damage to Persons and Property -----	901.90	15.95	885.95	
Moth Dept. -----	500.00	497.50	2.50	
Game Warden -----	100.00	100.00		
Wire Inspection Dept. -----	624.10	624.10		
<b>Health and Sanitation</b>				
Board of Health -----	14,500.00	13,334.16	1,165.84	
Sewer Maintenance Dept. -----	3,000.00	2,959.39	40.61	
Glover—Litchfield Ave. Sewer -----	1,500.00	1,189.87	310.13	
Wall Street Sewer -----	480.72		480.72	
Wardwell Court Sewer -----	349.89	349.89		
<b>Highways</b>				
Highway Dept. -----	26,956.00	26,955.50	.50	
Maintenance-Permanent Roads -----	6,160.00	6,160.38		.38
Snow and Ice -----	12,009.00	12,187.40		178.40*
Oiling Streets -----	2,500.00	2,494.73	5.27	
Sidewalk Repairs -----	2,000.00	1,997.29	2.71	
Street Lights -----	15,500.00		15,339.76	160.24
<b>Charities</b>				
Public Welfare-Outside Poor -----	65,700.00	65,699.29	.71	
Mothers' Aid -----	9,000.00	8,983.50	16.50	
Infirmary -----	6,000.00	5,989.22	10.78	
Old Age Assistance -----	4,000.00	3,292.87	707.13	
State Aid -----	1,350.00	1,270.00	80.00	
Military Aid -----	1,200.00	930.00	270.00	
Soldiers' Relief -----	9,171.38	9,556.16		348.78*
Soldiers' Burials -----	200.00		200.00	
<b>Education</b>				
School -----	174,600.00	174,585.95	14.05	
Smith-Hughes Fund -----	2,275.91	2,275.91		
A. O. Boyer Fund -----	11.29		11.29	
Ella M. Cole Fund -----	145.00	96.34	48.66	
Library -----	8,000.00	7,999.99	.01	
Mary Mynott Fund -----	75.77	64.31	11.46	
Edwards' Bequest -----	2,773.88	2,337.51	436.37	
J. J. Angell Fund -----	83.12	44.35	38.77	
<b>Recreation and Unclassified</b>				
Pensions -----	832.00	832.00		
Ambulance -----	300.00	224.22	75.78	
Planning Board -----	100.00	4.00	96.00	
Insurance -----	5,599.00	5,599.00		
Water and Ice Supply -----	750.00	749.00	1.00	
Playgrounds -----	1,600.00	1,518.00	82.00	
Parks -----	400.00	380.44	19.56	
Band Concerts -----	500.00	500.00		
Memorial Day -----	400.00	400.00		
Armistice Day -----	150.00	150.00		
Town Clock -----	75.00	55.50	19.50	
Annual Reports -----	600.00	600.00		
Overdrafts and Outstanding 1930 Bills -----	13,120.32	13,111.32	9.00	
<b>Public Service Enterprise</b>				
Cemetery -----	4,842.05	4,796.31	45.74	
<b>Interest and Maturing Debt</b>				
Interest -----	13,500.00	12,974.21	525.79	
Maturing Debt -----	23,610.00	23,610.00		
<b>Outlays from Revenue</b>				
Marcy Street Pavement -----	24,000.00	24,000.00		
North & Mechanic Sts. Drain -----	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Dresser St. Sidewalk -----	2,100.00	1,969.59	130.41	
Dudley River Road Fund Damages -----	1,960.00	1,000.00	960.00	
E. Main—Morris Streets Drain -----	1,200.00	1,200.00		
South—Sayles—Dresser Sts. Drain -----	2,350.00	2,350.00		

\*—Emergency Over-drawals by Authority of Board of Selectmen.



**Report of An Audit**  
**of**  
**The Accounts of**  
**The Town of Southbridge**

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of

Chapter 44, General Laws

**February 18, 1932**

February 18, 1932

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Leon A. Caron, Chairman

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southbridge for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1931, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL

Director of Accounts



Mr. Theodore N. Waddell

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1931, and report thereon as follows:

The records of the financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by a comparison with the report and the records in the town accountant's office.

The accountant's ledger was analyzed, the appropriation accounts being checked to the town meeting records of appropriations and transfers voted. A balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1931, was prepared and is appended to this report. While some improvement in the financial condition of the town, over that of last year, is shown by the balance sheet, none of the surplus revenue is available for appropriation until all the taxes of 1930 and previous years are collected and the amount of 1931 outstanding taxes is substantially reduced.

In checking the appropriations, it was noted that the appropriation for the reserve fund was voted to be taken from surplus revenue and was not considered by the assessors in the determination of the tax rate. In this connection attention is called to Section 23, Chapter 59, General Laws, as amended by Chapter 428, Acts of 1931, which requires that the assessors raise all sums appropriated by the town since the last preceding annual tax assessment, and which also provides that deductions on account of appropriations voted from available funds in the treasury may be made by the assessors only upon the approval of the

Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation. All appropriations voted by the town, whether they are to be raised by taxation or to be provided for by transfer from available funds in the treasury, should be certified by the town clerk to the assessors, in accordance with the requirements of Section 15-A, Chapter 41, General Laws.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book was footed, and the recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the accountant's ledger and with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer. The payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were verified by a comparison with the amounts falling due.

The securities and savings bank books representing the investments of the various trust funds in custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed and the income was proved.

The treasurer's cash balance on January 25, 1932, was proved by a reconciliation with statements furnished by the banks and by an actual count of the cash in the office.

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined. The commitment lists were added and reconciled with the warrants of the assessors committing the taxes and assessments for collection. The collector's cash books were footed, the payments to the treasurer by the collector were checked to the treasurer's and the accountant's books, the abatements were compared with the assessor's records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger accounts.

Further verification of the outstanding taxes was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from

the replies received, it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of the tax collector were found to have been kept in a painstaking and efficient manner, thereby facilitating the work of the audit.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, town clerk, and the health department were examined and checked, and the payments to the State, the county, and the town were verified.

The surety bonds of the town clerk, the town treasurer, and of the tax collector were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures and the school and library departments were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The tax title deeds on hand were listed and the amounts transferred to tax titles were verified.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, together with tables showing the trust fund transactions.

For the co-operation extended by the several town officials during the process of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON

Chief Accountant

## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1931, -----	\$20,382.00	
Receipts 1931, -----	1,165,379.79	
		\$1,185,761.79

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Payments 1931, -----	\$1,169,611.38	
Balance December 31, 1931, --	16,150.41	
		\$1,185,761.79

Balance January 1, 1932, -----	\$16,150.41	
Receipts January 1 to 25, 1932, -	45,805.19	
		\$61,955.60

Payments January 1 to 25, 1932	\$16,551.58	
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Balance January 25, 1932:

Cash in office, verified, \$100.00

Bank balances:

Southbridge National

Bank ----- 39,333.63

Peoples National

Bank of Southbridge, 5,678.39

Southbridge Savings

Bank, book No. 8465, 292.00

45,404.02

\$61,955.60

### Southbridge National Bank

Balance January 25, 1932, per statement, -----		\$39,538.44
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Balance January 25, 1932, per check register, -----	\$39,333.63	
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Outstanding checks January 25, 1932, per list, -----	204.81	
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\$39,538.44

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Peoples National Bank of Southbridge

Balance January 25, 1932, per statement, -----		\$7,713.18
Balance January 25, 1932, per check register, -----	\$5,678.39	
Outstanding checks January 25, 1932, per list, -----	2,034.79	
		<u>\$7,713.18</u>

SPECIAL DEPOSITS—SURPLUS WAR BONUS FUND

Balance January 1, 1931, -----	\$9,771.11	
Income 1931, -----	432.57	
		\$10,203.68
Balance December 31, 1931:		
Peoples National Bank of Southbridge, savings book No. 5502, -----	\$5,163.78	
Southbridge Savings Bank, book No. 36764, -----	5,039.90	
		<u>\$10,203.68</u>

TAXES—1927

Outstanding January 1, 1931, --		\$3,320.44
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$1,468.49	
Abatements, -----	250.55	
Tax titles taken by town, -----	930.24	
Outstanding December 31, 1931, and January 25, 1932, per list,	671.16	
		<u>\$3,320.44</u>

TAXES—1928

Outstanding January 1, 1931, --		\$14,147.32
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$8,280.40	



Abatements, -----	976.50	
Transfer to tax titles, -----	2,707.59	
Outstanding December 31, 1931, and January 25, 1932, per list,	2,182.83	
		\$14,147.32

### TAXES—1929

Outstanding January 1, 1931, --		\$43,049.84
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$37,106.80	
Abatements, -----	638.78	
Transfer to tax titles, -----	2,618.59	
Outstanding December 31, 1931,	2,685.67	
		\$43,049.84

Outstanding January 1, 1932, --		\$2,685.67
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 25, 1932, -----	\$133.40	
Outstanding January 25, 1932, per list, -----	2,552.27	
		\$2,685.67

### TAXES—1930

Outstanding January 1, 1931, --	\$109,045.13	
Overpayment to treasurer, re- funded, -----	.06	
Overpayment to treasurer, ad- justed, -----	.49	
		\$109,045.68
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$71,470.52	
Abatements, -----	548.75	
Transfer to tax titles, -----	2,926.52	
Outstanding December 31, 1931,	34,099.89	
		\$109,045.68



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Outstanding January 1, 1932, --		\$34,099.89
Payments to treasurer January 1		
to 25, 1932, -----	\$1,741.13	
Outstanding January		
25, 1932, per list, \$32,119.97		
Cash on hand January		
25, 1932, verified, 238.79		
	32,358.76	
		\$34,099.89

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### TAXES—1931

Commitment per warrant, -----	\$431,848.04	
Additional commitment, -----	230.43	
		\$432,078.47
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$334,503.66	
Abatements, -----	808.36	
Transfer to tax titles, -----	2,926.52	
Outstanding December 31, 1931,	93,839.93	
		\$432,078.47
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Outstanding January 1, 1932, --		\$93,839.93
Payments to treasurer January		
1 to 25, 1932, -----	\$6,640.04	
Outstanding January		
25, 1932, per list, - \$86,662.54		
Cash on hand January		
25, 1932, verified, 537.35		
	87,199.89	
		\$93,839.93

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### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TAXES—1931

Commitment per warrant, -----		\$4,319.00
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$3,781.00	
Refunds by the State, -----	214.00	

Outstanding December 31, 1931,	324.00	
		\$4,319.00
Outstanding January 1, 1932.		\$324.00
Payments to treasurer January		
1 to 25, 1932, -----	\$12.00	
Outstanding January 25,		
1932, per list, -----	\$311.00	
Cash on hand January		
25, 1932, verified, ---	1.00	
	312.00	
		\$324.00

#### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1929

Outstanding January 1, 1931, --	\$1,994.36	
Abatement after payment, re-		
funded, -----	5.10	
		\$1,999.46
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$987.89	
Abatements -----	926.93	
Outstanding December 31, 1931,	84.64	
		\$1,999.46
Outstanding January 1, 1932, --		\$84.64
Payments to treasurer January		
1 to 25, 1932, -----	\$12.74	
Outstanding January 25, 1932,		
per list, -----	71.90	
		\$84.64

#### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1930

Outstanding January 1, 1931, --	\$3,538.99
Additional commitment, -----	6.00

Abatements after payment, re-		
funded, -----	22.20	
Refunds of motor vehicle excise		
taxes 1930 charged to 1931,	14.46	
		\$3,581.65
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$2,484.31	
Abatements, -----	541.14	
Outstanding December 31, 1931,	556.20	
		\$3,581.65
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Outstanding January 1, 1932, --		\$556.20
Payments to treasurer January		
1 to 25, 1932, -----	\$17.76	
Outstanding January 25, 1932,		
per list, -----	538.44	
		\$556.20
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### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1931

Commitment per warrants, ----	\$22,725.51	
Abatements after payment, re-		
funded, -----	367.13	
		\$23,092.64
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$19,948.86	
Abatements -----	1,127.24	
Refunds of motor vehicle excise		
taxes 1930 charged to 1931, --	14.46	
Outstanding December 31, 1931,	2,002.08	
		\$23,092.64
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Outstanding January 1, 1932, --	\$2,002.08	
Additional commitment, -----	17.93	
Abatements after payment, to be		
refunded, -----	42.81	
		\$2,062.82

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Payments to treasurer January	
1 to 25, 1932, -----	\$109.69
Abatements January 1 to 25,	
1932, -----	51.51
Outstanding January	
25, 1932, per list, \$1,889.10	
Cash on hand January	
25, 1932, verified, 12.52	
	1,901.62
	<u>\$2,062.82</u>

APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENTS ADDED  
TO TAXES—1928

Outstanding January 1, 1931, -	\$63.32
Payments to Treasurer, -----	\$63.32

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APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENTS ADDED  
TO TAXES—1929

Outstanding January 1, 1931, -	\$461.96
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$442.05
Outstanding December 31, 1931,	
and January 25, 1932, per list,	19.91
	<u>\$461.96</u>

APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENTS ADDED  
TO TAXES—1930

Outstanding January 1, 1931, --	\$725.33
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$313.68
Outstanding December 31, 1931,	
and January 25, 1932, per list,	411.65
	<u>\$725.33</u>

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APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENTS ADDED  
TO TAXES—1931

Commitment per warrant, -----		\$835.56
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$260.48	
Outstanding December 31, 1931,		
and January 25, 1932, per list,	575.08	
		\$835.56

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UNAPPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS—1927

Outstanding January 1, 1931, --		\$182.00
Outstanding December 31, 1931,		
and January 25, 1932, per list,		\$182.00

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UNAPPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS—1930

Outstanding January 1, 1931,		\$1,231.56
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$518.17	
Outstanding December 31, 1931,		
and January 25, 1932, per list,	713.39	
		\$1,231.56

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UNAPPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS—1931

Commitment per warrant, ----		\$812.39
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$155.68	
Outstanding December 31, 1931,		
and January 25, 1932, per list,	656.71	
		\$812.39

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APPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS  
ADDED TO TAXES—1929

Outstanding January 1, 1931, --		\$233.00
Payments to treasurer, -----		\$233.00

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APPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS

ADDED TO TAXES—1930

Outstanding January 1, 1931, -		\$374.26
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$207.42	
Outstanding December 31, 1931,		
and January 25, 1932, per list,	166.84	
		<u>\$374.26</u>

APPORTIONED SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS

ADDED TO TAXES—1931

Commitment per warrant, ----		\$295.25
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$21.07	
Outstanding December 31, 1931,		
and January 25, 1932, per list,	274.18	
		<u>\$295.25</u>

COMMITTED INTEREST—SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Outstanding January 1, 1931, --	\$321.74	
Commitment, -----	133.96	
		\$455.70
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$209.48	
Outstanding December 31, 1931,		
and January 25, 1932, per list,	246.22	
		<u>\$455.70</u>

COMMITTED INTEREST—SIDEWALK  
ASSESSMENTS

Outstanding January 1, 1931,	\$72.11	
Commitment, -----	57.61	
		<u>\$129.72</u>



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Payments to treasurer, -----	\$49.64	
Outstanding December 31, 1931, and January 25, 1932, per list,	80.08	\$129.72
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### INTEREST ON TAXES

#### Collections 1931:

Levy of 1927, -----	\$337.30	
Levy of 1928, -----	1,079.95	
Levy of 1929, -----	3,282.92	
Levy of 1930, -----	2,369.86	
Levy of 1931, -----	146.90	
Levy of 1929, motor vehicle ex- cise taxes, -----	102.83	
Levy of 1930, motor vehicle ex- cise taxes, -----	69.47	
Levy of 1931, motor vehicle ex- cise taxes, -----	22.34	\$7,411.57
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Payments to treasurer, 1931, -----		\$7,411.57

#### Collections January 1 to 25, 1932:

Levy of 1929, -----	\$9.19	
Levy of 1930, -----	103.96	
Levy of 1931, -----	105.02	
Levy of 1931, motor vehicle ex- cise taxes, -----	.54	\$218.71
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Payments to treasurer January 1 to 25, 1932, -----	\$194.25	
Cash on hand January 25, 1932, verified, -----	24.46	\$218.71
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## ADDITIONAL INTEREST—SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Collections 1931, -----	\$65.93
Payments to treasurer 1931, --	\$65.93

## ADDITIONAL INTEREST—SIDEWALK

### ASSESSMENTS

Collections 1931, -----	\$28.03
Payments to treasurer 1931, ---	\$28.03

## SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

### Licenses issued:

Sunday, -----	\$231.00	
Auto—first class, -----	39.00	
Auto—third class, -----	12.00	
Gasoline, -----	7.00	
Jitney drivers', -----	80.00	
Jitney, -----	95.00	
Firearms, -----	9.00	
Innholders', -----	27.00	
Common victuallers', -----	93.00	
Theatre, -----	5.00	
Bus, -----	27.00	
Sunday license cards, -----	.25	
Hawkers', -----	30.00	
Circus, -----	40.00	
		\$695.25
Payments to treasurer, -----		\$695.25

## TOWN CLERK

### Miscellaneous Licenses

Cash on hand January 1, 1931, ----	\$ .50
Licenses issued 1931:	
Pool, -----	\$69.00

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Auctioneer, -----	12.00	
Junk, -----	45.00	
Gasoline renewals, -----	16.50	
Liquor, third class, -----	4.00	
Bowling alleys, -----	45.00	
	191.50	
		\$192.00
Payments to treasurer, -----		\$192.00

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# TOWN CLERK

## DOG LICENSES

R. H. FAVREAU, Clerk

Licenses issued January 1 to March 1, 1931:

Males and spayed females, 15 @		
\$2.00, -----	\$30.00	
Females, 3 @ 5.00, -----	15.00	
		\$45.00

Payments to county treasurer Jan-		
uary 1 to March 1, 1931, -----	\$41.40	
Fees retained, 18 @ 20c, -----	3.60	
		\$45.00

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A. O. BOYER, Clerk

Licenses issued March 1 to December 31, 1931:

Males and spayed females, 548 @		
\$2.00, -----	\$1,096.00	
Females, 89 @ 5.00, -----	445.00	
Kennel, 1 @ 50.00, -----	50.00	
		\$1,591.00

Payments to county treasurer:

June 5, 1931. ----- \$1,135.80

December 3, 1931, ----	327.80	
		\$1,463.60
Fees retained, 637 @ 20c, -----		127.40
		<u>\$1,591.00</u>
Licenses issued January 1 to February 8, 1932:		
Males and spayed females, 5 @		
\$2.00, -----		\$10.00
Female, 1 @ 5.00, -----		5.00
		<u>\$15.00</u>
Fees retained January 1 to February		
8, 1932, 6 @ 20c, -----		\$1.20
Cash on hand February 8, 1932, ---		13.80
		<u>\$15.00</u>

### TOWN CLERK HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Licenses issued 1931:

Resident citizens' sporting, 780 @		
\$2.75, -----		\$2,145.00
Resident citizen's trapping, 1 @		
5.25, -----		5.25
Non-resident citizen's sporting, 1		
@ 10.25, -----		10.25
Non-resident citizens' sporting, 3		
@ 3.25, -----		9.75
Non-resident citizens' sporting, 7		
@ 5.35, -----		37.45
Non-resident citizens' sporting, 2		
@ 5.50, -----		11.00
Alien sporting, 2 @ 15.25, -----		30.50
Duplicates, 16 @ .50, -----		8.00
Minor sporting, 5 @ 1.25, -----		6.25
		<u>\$2,263.45</u>

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Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game, -----	\$2,063.20	
Fees retained by town clerk, 801 @ 25c, -----	200.25	
		\$2,263.45

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Licenses issued January 1 to February 10, 1932:		
Resident citizens' sporting, 270 @ \$2.75, -----	\$742.50	
Non-resident citizen's sporting, 1 @ 14.35, -----	14.35	
Non-resident citizen's sporting, 1 @ 3.25, -----	3.25	
Duplicates, 1 @ .50, -----	.50	
		\$760.60

Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game, January 1 to February 10, 1932, -----	\$675.10	
Fees retained by town clerk January 1 to February 10, 1932, 272 @ 25c,	68.00	
Cash on hand February 10, 1932, --	17.50	
		\$760.60

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### TOWN HALL RENTALS

Outstanding January 1, 1931, ----	\$159.00	
Charges, -----	639.00	
		\$798.00
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$723.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1931, per list, -----	75.00	
		\$798.00

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### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1931, ----	\$350.00
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Charges:

Rent of lockup, -----	50.00	
Rent of court room, -----	1,200.00	
		\$1,600.00
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$1,250.00	
Collections 1929 credited to estimated receipts, -----	350.00	
		\$1,600.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Charges:

Garage permits, -----	\$91.50	
Recharging extinguishers, -----	4.50	
Sale of junk, -----	6.60	
Sale of wagon wheels, -----	10.00	
		\$112.60
Payments to treasurer, -----		\$112.60

Charges January 1 to February 5, 1932.

Recharging extinguishers, -----	\$2.00	
Sale of junk, -----	4.70	
		\$6.70
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 5, 1932, -----		\$6.70

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Charges 1931, -----	\$147.95
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$147.95
Collections January 1 to 27, 1932, --	\$ .72
Cash on hand January 27, 1932, --	\$ .72



## AMBULANCE CHARGES

Cash on hand January 1, 1931, -----	\$15.00	
Outstanding January 1, 1931,	400.00	
		\$415.00
Charges, -----		925.00
		\$1,340.00
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$515.00	
Abatements, -----	145.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1931, --	675.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1931, --	5.00	
		\$1,340.00
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Cash on hand January 1, 1932, -----	\$5.00	
Outstanding January 1, 1932,	675.00	
		\$680.00
Charges January 1 to February 5, 1932, -----		50.00
		\$730.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 5, 1932, -----	\$20.00	
Outstanding February 5, 1932, per list, -----	710.00	
		\$730.00
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## BOARD OF HEALTH

### Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1931, -----	\$13.50	
Charges, -----	312.19	
		\$325.69
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$13.50	

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Outstanding December 31, 1931, --	312.19	
		\$325.69

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### LICENSES

#### Licenses issued:

Oleomargarine, -----	\$6.50	
Milk, -----	54.00	
Hairdresser, -----	26.00	
Slaughtering, -----	3.00	
Rendering, -----	1.00	
Pasteurization, -----	10.00	
Alcohol, -----	22.00	

\$122.50

Payments to treasurer, -----	\$122.50	
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### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

#### Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1931, -----	\$103.50	
Charges, -----	10.45	
		\$113.95

Payments to treasurer, -----	\$10.45	
Outstanding December 31, 1931, per list, -----	103.50	
		\$113.95

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### PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

#### Accounts Receivable

#### Temporary Aid

Outstanding January 1, 1931, -----	\$3,899.93	
Charges, -----	9,913.11	
		\$13,813.04

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Payments to treasurer, -----	\$5,902.55	
Disallowances by State, -----	174.61	
Outstanding December 31, 1931, per list, -----	7,735.88	
		\$13,813.04

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Mothers' Aid

Outstanding January 1, 1931, -----	\$3,892.63	
Charges, -----	3,868.72	
		\$7,761.35
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$3,889.16	
Disallowances by State, -----	3.77	
Outstanding December 31, 1931, per list, -----	3,868.42	
		\$7,761.35

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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1931, -----	\$359.00	
Charges, -----	9,360.50	
		\$9,719.50
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$9,340.50	
Abatements, -----	339.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1931, per list, -----	40.00	
		\$9,719.50

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LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Cash on hand January 1, 1931, -----	\$5.00	
Collections—fines, -----	504.45	
		\$509.45
Payments to treasurer, -----	\$504.45	

Cash on hand December 31, 1931, --	5.00	
		<u>\$509.45</u>
Cash on hand January 1, 1932, ----	\$5.80	
Collections January 1 to February 11, 1932, -----	56.96	
		<u>\$61.96</u>
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 11, 1932, -----	\$41.98	
Cash on hand February 11, 1932, --	16.98	
		<u>\$61.96</u>

### CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

#### Outstanding January 1, 1931:

Perpetual care funds, --	\$50.00	
Sale of lots, -----	57.00	
Opening graves, -----	91.00	
		\$198.00

#### Charges 1931:

Perpetual care funds, --	\$300.00	
Sale of lots and graves, --	405.00	
Opening graves, -----	254.00	
Foundations, -----	12.99	
		971.99
		<u>\$1,169.99</u>

#### Payments to treasurer:

Perpetual care funds, --	\$300.00	
Sale of lots and graves, --	297.00	
Opening graves, -----	275.00	
Foundations, -----	9.09	
		\$881.09

Cancellation—perpetual care, ---- 50.00

Outstanding December 31, 1931, per list.

Sale of lots, ----- \$165.00

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Opening graves, .....	70.00		
Foundations, .....	3.90		
		238.90	
			\$1,169.99
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Outstanding January 1, 1932:			
Sale of lots, .....	\$165.00		
Opening graves, .....	70.00		
Foundations, .....	3.90		
		\$238.90	
Charges January 1 to February 5, 1932:			
Perpetual care funds, .....		50.00	
			\$288.90
Outstanding February 5, 1932, per list:			
Sale of lots, .....	\$149.00		
Opening graves, .....	70.00		
		\$219.00	
Cash on hand February 5, 1932,			
verified, .....		69.90	
			\$288.90
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## SEWER LOAN SINKING FUND

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1931,		\$2,837.82	\$2,837.82
On hand at end of year 1931,			
Receipts		Payments	
Withdrawn from savings bank,	\$2,837.82	Transferred to town for maturing debt,	\$2,837.82

## JESSE J. ANGELL CHARITY FUND

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1931,		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
On hand at end of year 1931,		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Receipts		Payments	
Income,	\$40.60	Transferred to town,	\$40.60

## ELLA M. COLE FUND (Needy School Children)

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1931,		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
On hand at end of year 1931,		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Receipts		Payments	
Income,	\$145.00	Transferred to town,	\$145.00



## ALEXIS BOYER, JR., SCHOOL FUND

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1931,		\$254.53	\$254.53
On hand at end of year 1931,		\$266.73	\$266.73
Receipts		Payments	
Income,	\$12.20	Deposited in savings bank,	\$12.20

## MARY MYNOTT LIBRARY FUND

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1931,		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
On hand at end of year 1931,		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Receipts		Payments	
Income,	\$48.06	Transferred to town,	\$48.06

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

		Securities Par Value	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1931,		\$8,000.00	\$33,428.93	\$41,428.93
On hand at end of year 1931,		\$8,000.00	\$33,728.93	\$41,728.93
Receipts		Payments		
Income,	\$1,791.22	Deposited in		
Bequests,	300.00	savings bank,		\$ 300.00
	—————	Transferred to town		
	\$2,091.22	for cemetery care		1,791.22
				—————
				\$2,091.22

## CEMETERY GENERAL CARE FUNDS

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1931,		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
On hand at end of year 1931,		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Receipts		Payments	
Income,	\$1,131.19	Transferred to town for cemetery care,	\$1,131.19
	<u>\$1,131.19</u>		<u>\$1,131.19</u>



# TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE

BALANCE SHEET—DEC. 31, 1931

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash: General -----	15,858.41	Temporary Loans:	
Special Deposits Sur-		In Anticipation of	
plus War Bonus Fd.		Revenue -----	110,000.00
& Accumulations ---	10,203.68	Trust Fund Income	
Cemetery Sale of Lots		J. J. Angell Charity	
and Graves Fund ---	292.00	Fd. -----	38.77
		A. Boyer Jr. School	
		Fd. -----	11.29
		E. M. Cole Fund	
		(Needy School	
		Children) -----	48.66
		Edwards Library Fd.	436.37
		M. Mynott Fund ---	11.46
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		Cemetery Sale of Lots and	546.55
		Graves Fund -----	297.00
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Accts. Receivable			
Taxes			
Levy of 1927 ---	671.16		
Levy of 1928 -----	2,182.83		
Levy of 1929 ---	2,685.67		
Levy of 1930 -----	34,099.89		
Levy of 1931 ---	93,839.93		
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	133,479.48		

Old Age Asst'ce Taxes -----	324.00	Tailings (Unpaid Checks) ----	483.74
Motor Excise Taxes		World War Memorial Fd. ----	10,203.68
Levy of 1929 ----	84.64	Appropriation Balances	
Levy of 1930 ----	556.20	Wall Street Sewer -	480.72
Levy of 1931 ----	2,002.08	Glover Street Sewer	310.13
		Dudley River Rd.	
		Dam -----	960.00
Special Assessments			
Unapportioned Sewers		Sewer Assessment Receipts ---	1,750.85
(Treas.) -----	322.90	Overlays—Reserved for Abate- ments	3,036.97
Apportioned Sewers		Levy of 1927 ----	671.16
added to Taxes		Levy of 1928 ----	1,950.79
1929 -----	19.91	Levy of 1929 ----	2,296.30
Apportioned Sewers		Levy of 1930 ----	2,284.99
added to Taxes		Levy of 1931 ----	2,775.98
1930 -----	411.65		
Apportioned Sewers			
added to Taxes		Revenue Reserved Until Collec- ed	9,979.22
1931 -----	575.08	Motor Vehicle Ex- cise Tax -----	2,642.92
Un - App. Sidewalk		Sewer Assess't --	1,575.76
added to Taxes			
1927 -----	182.00		
Un - App. Sidewalk			

Highway -----	103.50
Public Welfare --	7,735.88
Mothers' Aid ----	3,868.42
State Aid -----	1,270.00
Military Aid ----	465.00
Schools Aid -----	40.00
Cemetery -----	238.90

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14,788.89

# Overdrawn Accts.

Police -----	.32
Maint'ce Permit Rds.	.38
Snow and Ice -----	178.40
Soldiers Relief -----	384.78

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563.88

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196,213.94

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196,213.94

## DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments	
—Not Due -----	1,396.92
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessments	

Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1932 -----	554.09
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added to Taxes	713.39	
1930 -----		
Un - App. Sidewalk		
added to Taxes		
1931 -----	656.71	
App. Sidewalk added		
to Taxes 1930 --	166.84	
App. Sidewalk added		
to Taxes 1931 ---	274.18	
Committee Sewer Int.		
1929 -----	31.35	
Committee Sewer Int.		
1930 -----	111.35	
Committee Sewer Int.		
1931 -----	103.52	
Com. Sidewalk Int. -	80.08	
Tax Titles Held by Town -----		3,648.96
Departmental:		14,411.72
Town Hall -----	75.00	
Ambulance -----	680.00	
Health -----	312.19	

Sidewalk Assess't -	2,073.20
Tax Titles -----	14,411.72
Departmental -----	14,788.89
	35,492.49
Surplus Revenue -----	24,423.44

Not Due -----	189.22	Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1933 -----	554.07
		Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1934 -----	102.90
		Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1935 -----	78.58
		Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1936 -----	56.76
		Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1937 -----	30.62
		Apportioned Sewer Assess't Revenue Due in 1938 -----	19.90
			1,396.92
		Apportioned Sidewalk Assess't Revenue Due in 1932 -----	112.37
		Apportioned Sidewalk	

Assess't Revenue Due	
in 1933 -----	38.43
Apportioned Sidewalk	
Assess't Revenue Due	
in 1934 -----	38.42
	189.22
	<u>1,586.14</u>

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt -----	133,050.00
General Loans:	
Serial 4%	111,250.00
Emergency Loan—1931	21,800.00
	<u>133,050.00</u>

## TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities	71,995.66	J. J. Angell Charity	
		Fd. -----	1,000.00
		Ella M. Cole Fd.	

(Needy School Children) -----	3,000.00
A. Boyer, Jr. School Fd. -----	266.73
M. Mynott Library Fd. -----	1,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fds. -----	41,728.93
Cemetery General Care Fds. -----	25,000.00
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# REPORT OF TOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE

Article 1. To choose by ballot a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Referred to meeting.

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Town Accountant, Clerk, Treasurer, School Committee, Library Committee and all others as printed in the town report.

Recommendation:—Voted that the reports of various town officers be accepted as printed.

Article 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and charges for the current financial year.

Recommendation:—Voted that the town raise and appropriate the following sums of money:

Moderator .....	40.00
Selectmen:—	
Salaries .....	1,700.00
Clerk .....	450.00
All Other Expenses .....	<u>150.00</u>
<b>Total</b> .....	2,600.00
Law .....	800.00
Election and Registration .....	3,500.00
Town Hall .....	4,000.00

Soldiers' Relief -----	10,000.00
Military Aid -----	1,000.00
Soldiers Burial -----	200.00
Memorial Day -----	400.00
Armistice Day -----	150.00
Game Warden -----	100.00
Pensions -----	832.00
Insurance -----	6,000.00
Damage to Persons and Property	300.00
Water and Ice Supply -----	700.00
Town Clock -----	75.00
Town Reports -----	600.00
Damages Dudley River Road -----	1,000.00
State Aid -----	1,200.00
Town Accountant:—	
Salary -----	1,800.00
Supplies -----	150.00
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Total -----	1,950.00
Treasurer:—	
Salary -----	1,350.00
Clerk -----	500.00
All other expenses --	550.00
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Total -----	2,400.00
Tax Collector:—	
Salary -----	1,500.00
Clerk -----	500.00
All other expenses --	1,115.00
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Total -----	3,115.00
Assessors:—	
Salaries -----	2,900.00
Clerk hire -----	250.00
All other expenses --	1,350.00
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Total -----	4,500.00



Town Clerk:—

Salary -----	1,050.00
Clerk hire -----	600.00
All other expenses --	250.00

Total ----- 1,900.00

Board of Health:—

Salary of Board ----	300.00
Salary of Physician -	300.00
Salary of School	
Inspector -----	500.00
General Expenses ---	11,900.00

Total ----- 13,000.00

Fire Department:—

Salaries of permanent men.

Chief -----	2,400.00
Mechanic -----	2,048.00
6 Permanent men --	11,232.00
2 Extra Days in 1932	90.00

Salaries of Call men.

3 Captains -----	375.00
3 Lieutenants -----	330.00
25 Regular men -----	2,500.00
4 Engineers -----	700.00
1 First substitute --	31.00
1 Second substitute -	25.00
1 Clerk -----	25.00
1 Electrician -----	300.00
All other expenses --	2,370.00

Total ----- 22,426.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures:—

Salary -----	1,050.00
Transportation -----	300.00

All other expenses --	100.00	
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Total -----		1,450.00
Police Department:—		
Patrolmen -----	22,587.60	
Chief -----	2,400.00	
Janitor -----	1,200.00	
All other expenses --	4,987.40	
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Total -----		31,175.00
Wire Inspector:—		
Salary -----	480.00	
All other expenses --	120.00	
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Total -----		600.00
Highway Department:—		
Salary of Surveyor --	1,800.00	
Clerk -----	300.00	
Highways -----	24,000.00	
Permanent Roads ---	6,000.00	
Sidewalks -----	2,000.00	
Snow and Ice Removal	4,500.00	
Street Oiling -----	2,500.00	
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Total -----		41,100.00
Sewer Department:—		
Salaries -----	300.00	
All other expenses --	2,700.00	
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Total -----		3,000.00
Board of Public Welfare:—		
Temporary Aid		
Salaries of Board ---	600.00	
Almoner -----	2,300.00	
Clerk -----	600.00	

All other expenses --	51,500.00
Total -----	55,000.00
Mothers Aid -----	10,000.00
Infirmary -----	6,000.00
Old Age Assistance --	9,000.00
Total -----	80,000.00
Parks -----	400.00
Tree Warden -----	600.00
Moth Department -----	500.00
Engineering Dept. -----	3,900.00
School Department -----	188,960.00
Hydrants -----	13,845.00
Ambulance -----	300.00
Forest Fire Department -----	700.00
Playgrounds -----	1,600.00
Interest Funded Debt -----	4,025.00
Interest Revenue Loans -----	16,975.00
Emergency Loan -----	23,800.00
Maturing Debt -----	21,250.00
Cemetery -----	1,600.00
Library -----	8,000.00
Street Lights -----	13,207.67

The sum recommended by the finance committee for Street Lights is based on the elimination of the following 129 lights:

Elm St. beyond the cottage just beyond the Clemence Lumber Co. to corner of Durfee St. Poles No. 34, 36, 38. Total 3

Lebanon Hill from beyond Durfee St. Poles No. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 40, 44, 47. Total 18.

Pole No. 36 is opposite Brickyard Rd.

Brickyard Rd. Poles No. 3, 6, 9, 12, 35, 38, 41, 44, 48, 52. Total 10

Eastford Road Poles No. 22, 25, 28, 30, 33,  
Total 5

Pole No. 28 is at the corner of Durfee St.

Durfee St. (West) Poles No. 12, 14, 16. Total 3

West St. from School St. to South St. Poles  
No. 17, 19.

West St. Extension Poles No. 41, 43, 45, 47,  
49, 52, 56, 3, 6, 9. Total 12

Breakneck Rd. Poles No. 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15,  
18 20. Total 9

Sturbridge State Road Poles No. 65, 67, 69, 71,  
73. Total 5

Pleasant St. North from Hillcrest Avenue Poles  
No. 29, 33, 36, 39. Total 4

Clemence Hill Poles No. 3, 5. Total 2

Paige Hill, Poles No. 3, 5, 7, 9. Total 4

Worcester St. Poles No. 50, 53, 56, 59, 62, 68, 71,  
74. Total 8

Brookside Road Pole No. 2, 5. Total 2

Cor. Brookside Road and Charlton St. Pole No.  
83. Total 1

Gulf Woods Road Poles No. 2, 4, 6, 8. Total 4

East Main St. Poles No. 39, 42, 353, 350, 45,  
47. Total 6

Dudley State Rd. from top of hill at Sanders-  
dale. Poles No. 27, 30, 32, 34, 37, 40, 43, 46,  
49, 52, 56, 59. Total 12.

Old Dudley State Road Poles No. 3, 6, 9, 12,  
15. Total 5

No. Woodstock Rd. Poles No. 22, 24, 26, 28,  
30, 32, 35, 38, 41, 44, 47, 50, 53, 56, 59, 62.  
Total 16

Grand Total 129

The committee has conferred with the Gas and  
Electric Co. and the company has agreed to  
make any or all of these changes.

The reduction of this number of street lights means a saving to the town of \$2,292.33 for 1932 and every year thereafter.

The committee recommends that the town vote to discontinue the above 129 lights.

Voted that all of above sums be taken from the tax levy of 1932.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year, also to see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to refund any or all of the revenue notes issued in anticipation of the revenue of the year 1932, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; any debt so incurred to be paid by the revenue of 1932, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized and empowered to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year, and to issue the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year, and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to refund any or all of the revenue notes issued in anticipation of the revenue of 1932 in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws: any debt or debt so incurred to be paid from the revenue of 1932.



Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cause an audit to be made of the Town's Accounts of 1932, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to cause an audit to be made of the town accounts of 1932.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to pay its engineers or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Considered under Article 3.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to give the Collector of Taxes the same power to collect taxes that the Town Treasurer has when appointed Collector of Taxes.

Recommendation:—Voted that the Tax Collector be given the same power to collect taxes that the Town Treasurer has when appointed Collector of Taxes.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to have all taxes due and payable October 1, 1932, and if not **paid on or before October 17, 1932**, to have interest charged at the rate provided for by law from October 1, 1932, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted that all taxes become due and payable October 1, 1932 and if not **paid on or before Oct. 17, 1932** to have interest charged at the rate provided by law from Oct. 1, 1932.



Article 9. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of town officers or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Considered under Article 3.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize its elected Boards to appoint any of its members to another town office or position and fix the compensation of same or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted to authorize and empower the Board of Health to appoint any of its members to the position of Physician of the board at a salary of \$300.00 and Inspector of School children at a salary of \$500.00, same to be taken from the Board of Health appropriation.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to balance overdrawn accounts of 1932, and to pay outstanding bills of previous years, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,563.88 to balance overdrawn accounts and pay outstanding bills same to be taken from the tax levy of 1932.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 100A, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

“A city which accepts this section by vote of its city council subject to the provisions of its charter, or a town which accepts the same by vote of its inhabitants at an annual town meeting, may after an appropriation has been made therefor, indemnify an officer or employee thereof for expenses or damages incurred by him in the defense or settlement of a claim against him for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, arising out of the operation of a motor vehicle owned by such city or town, to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars; provided after investigation it shall appear to the mayor or selectmen that such officer or employee was at the time the claim arose acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and provided, further, that the defence or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the city solicitor or the town counsel, or if the town has no town counsel, by an attorney employed for the purpose by the selectmen, upon the request of said officer or employee and at the direction of the mayor or selectmen. This section shall not apply in respect to a claim against an officer or employee which is covered by a policy of insurance effected by the city or town under clause (1) of section five of chapter forty.”

Recommendation:—Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Article 13. To hear and act upon the report of the Special Committee appointed under Article 24 of the Annual Meeting of March 9, 1931, to consider the need of increased school accommodations.

Recommendation:—Voted to accept report and discharge the committee.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 and appoint a committee of 5 members and empower same to procure plans, specifications and costs for increased school accommodations, and report at a future town meeting or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted that the Selectmen appoint a committee of five members to secure plans, specifications and costs for increased school accommodations, and that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated for said purpose same to be taken from the tax levy of 1932, and that the committee report at a future town meeting.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to improve Eastford Road, beginning from the Connecticut State line, northerly, under provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00, provided the State of Mass-

chusetts, through its Department of Public Works and the County of Worcester, each contributed a like amount, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to pay land and drainage damages on the Southbridge-Sturbridge Road, constructed by the State Dept. of Public Works in 1931, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted that the town pay land and drainage damages on the Southbridge—Sturbridge road, constructed by the State Dept. of Public Works in 1931, and that the sum of \$601.90 be raised and appropriated same to be taken from the tax levy of 1932.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to repair the Stone Arch Bridge over the Quinebaug River, at Central Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted that the town repair the Stone Arch bridge over the Quinebaug River at Central St. and that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated, same to be taken from the tax levy of 1932. Work to be done under the supervision of the Engineering Department.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to construct a Storm Water drain, from the end of the present drain in Olney Ave. (built in 1929) to the westerly side of Worcester Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted that the town construct a Storm Water drain from the end of the present drain in Olney Ave. to the westerly side of Worcester st. and that the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated same to be taken from the tax levy of 1932. Work to be done under the supervision of the Engineering Department, and the labor to be furnished as far as possible through the Public Welfare Dept. Your finance committee has been assured that of this \$3,000.00 labor to the extent of \$1,500.00 will be furnished by the Welfare Dept.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to build a cement concrete sidewalk with curb and gutter on the southerly side of Gardner Street, from Marcy Street easterly about 200 feet to land of Edgar & Amanda Richard, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted to build a cement concrete sidewalk with curb and gutter on the southerly side of Gardner st. from Marcy st. easterly about 200 feet to land of Edgar and Amanda Richard and that the sum of \$800.00 be raised and appropriated therefor, same to be taken from the tax levy of 1932. Work to be given out by contract under the supervision of the Engineering Department.



Article 20. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement concrete sidewalk with gutter and curb, on the westerly side of Taft Street, beginning at Dresser Street and extending northerly about four hundred (400) feet to the northerly line of Albert Hanson's property, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted to build a cement concrete sidewalk with gutter and curb, on the westerly side of Taft st. beginning at Dresser st. and extending northerly about four hundred feet to the northerly line of Albert Hanson's property, and that the sum of \$1,800.00 be raised and appropriated, same to be taken from tax levy of 1932. Work to be given out by contract under the supervision of the Engineering Department.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement concrete sidewalk, with curb and gutter, on the easterly side of Orchard Street, from South Street southerly to the northerly line of Dresser Street, and on the northerly side of Dresser Street, from the easterly line of Orchard Street, easterly to the present sidewalk on Dresser Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted to build a cement concrete sidewalk with curb and gutter on the easterly side of Orchard st. from South st. southerly to the northerly line of Dresser st. and on the northerly side of Dresser st. from



the easterly line of Orchard st. easterly to the present sidewalk on Dresser st. and that the sum of \$3,750.00 be raised and appropriated same to be taken from the tax levy of 1932. Work to be given out by contract under the supervision of the Engineering Department.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Selectmen, as to the laying out as public way, a certain way known as Poplar Street, leading westerly from Glover Street to Highland Street, over land of Newell Heirs Estate and others, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Selectmen, as to the re-locating of Cliff (or Mill) Street, from Fiske Street easterly and northerly, to the layout by the County Commissioners, of Cliff Street, dated Dec. 23, 1913, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted to accept the report of Selectmen and raise and appropriate \$1,600.00 therefor. Same to be taken from the tax levy of 1932.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to pay to William M. and Catherine A. Carney the sum of \$283.00 as directed by the County Commissioners for land taken for State Highway and \$206.00 for

damages to property, the same to be paid from the taxes of 1932 or act thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted to pay Wm. M. and Catherine A. Carney for damages to property and that the sum of \$206.00 be raised and appropriated therefor same to be taken from the tax levy of 1932.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to build one or more Catch Basins on Chapin Street, near Bowlen Ave., raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted to refer to a future town meeting.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be spent for building storm water drains and resurfacing portions of Lens, Main, Coombs, High, Sayles, Hamilton and Central Streets, the work to be done by the Highway Department the plans, specifications and inspection of the Engineering Dept., and the labor to be furnished as far as possible through the Public Welfare Dept., or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted that the sum of \$20,000.00 be raised and appropriated for building storm water drains and resurfacing portions of Lens, Coombs, High, South, Sayles,

Hamilton and Central streets. Same to be taken from tax levy of 1932. The work to be done by the Highway Department to the plans, specifications and inspection of the Engineering Dept. and the labor to be furnished as far as possible through the Public Welfare Department.

Your finance committee has been assured that of this \$20,000.00 labor to the extent of \$12,000.00 will be furnished by the Welfare Dept. This means that for \$12,000.00 which would be given away the town would be getting its streets in more permanent state of repair. Furthermore less appropriation required for their upkeep during the next few years.

Article 27. To hear the report of the World War Memorial Committee appointed under Article 12 of the Town Meeting of March 7, 1921, or act thereon.

Recommendation:—Referred to meeting.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to build a cement concrete sidewalk on the westerly side of Glover Street, from the present termination of the sidewalk on said street, southerly for a distance of Fifty-five (55) feet, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted to build a cement concrete sidewalk on the westerly side of Glover st. from the present termination of the sidewalk on said street southerly for a distance of fifty-five feet and that the sum of \$325.00

be raised and appropriated same to be taken from the tax levy of 1932. Work to be given out by contract under the supervision of the Engineering Department.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to install two electric lights on the westerly side of Glover Street, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to build a sanitary sewer on Pleasant St. from Robert St. to Hillcrest Ave. the work to be done by day labor furnished as far as possible through the Public Welfare Dept. raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to construct a sanitary sewer on West St. and South St. from the end of the present sewer on West St. to a point near Litchfield Ave. on South St., the work to be done by day labor furnished as far as possible through the Dept. of Public Welfare, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Recommendation:—Voted that the town construct a sanitary sewer on West st. and South

st. from the end of the present sewer on West st. to a point near Litchfield Ave. on South st. work to be done by day labor furnished as far as possible through the Dept. of Public Welfare under the supervision of the Sewer Commissioners and that the sum of \$2,860.00 be raised and appropriated therefor same to be taken from the tax levy of 1932.

Your finance committee has been assured that of this \$2,860.00 labor to the extent of \$1,800.00 will be furnished by the Welfare Dept.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE,

ALBERT B. WELLS, Chairman,  
ELMER SCHUMACHER,  
Acting Chairman,

DAVID E. HOBSON, Secretary,  
JULIAN C. GABREE,  
JOHN E. PAIGE,  
ODILON LAVOIE,  
LOUIS J. DEMERS,  
WALTER BUCKLEY,  
JOSEPH E. O'SHAUGHNESSY,  
MYRON B. CLEMENCE,  
JAMES F. GABLE,  
J. EDWARD DEMERS,  
MAURICE TAYLOR,  
ARTHUR PROULX.  
DAVID LENTI.





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